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# News Tracker ... What's new with old news

#### Military

Cadet slaying: A former U.S. Naval Academy midshipman serving a life sentence for her role in a teenager's slaying amid a love triangle wants a new

trial, her attorney says.

Diane Zamora's attorney, David Richards, said Tarrant County, Texas, prosecutors withheld crucial evidence supporting Zamora's innocence. Zamora contended that she did not help her boyfriend kill high school classmate Adrianne Jones, 16, almost a decade gao.

Prosecutors said Zamora wanted Jones dead out of jealousy because she thought her boyfriend had had sex with the Mansfield High School sophomore.

#### World

N. Korean asylum bids: South Korean lawmakers are considering whether to offer financial assistance to North Koreans who seek asylum in other countries.

The proposal in the National Assembly is based on a similar U.S. policy President Bush signed into law in the fall, according to Gye Min-suk, an aide for Rep. Hwang Woo-yea, the bill's sponsor.

The proposal would put up to \$7.7 million toward feeding and housing the refugees each year, Gye said.

Opium battle: Facing opposition from Afghan President Hamid Karzai, the United States has set aside plans to use spray planes to fumigate opium crops in Afghanistan, the world's largest drug producing country.

Karzai's opposition to spraying has frustrated some U.S. officials who doubt that the vast amount of opium produced in Afghanistan can be significantly reduced without spraying, Opium is the raw material for heroin. The United Nations says Afghanistan's drug trade has funded terrorists.

Karzai believes aerial spraying could harm innocent villagers.

#### States

Church abuse scandal: Prosecutors say news reports about the clergy sex abuse scandal plaguing the Boston Archdiocese triggered a man's memory of being molested by a parish priest in the 1980s.

But a lawyer for priest Paul Shanley, defrocked by the Vatican last year, questioned the timing and validity of those memories and said the defense would call expert witnesses to debunk the science behind so



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Cooking for a cause: Chief Petty Officer Ray Riddley, chairman of the Sasebo Naval Base Black History Month committee, standing at right, joined other committee members, including grill afficionado Chief Petty Officer Wendell James, shown holding tongs behind the grill, and braved the elements Tuesday to cook up and sell sausages, chicken and pork. The profits will help fund Black History Month activities on base throughout February.

called repressed memories.

The alleged victim is expected to take the

stand Wednesday in the second day of Shanley's trial on child rape charges.

NIH whistleblower: A government scientist who blew the whistle on shoddy re-

tist who blew the whistle on shoddy research had been recommended for a cash bonus, but his bosses pulled it back and tried to fire him after the scientist raised allegations of interference with his safety work, memos show.

"This is going to take some work," National Institutes of Health AIDS Division Director Dr. Edmund Tramont wrote Feb. 23, 2004, in an e-mail that laid out plans to fire whistleblower Dr. Jonathan Fishbein.

Ground Zero hazard: High levels of asbestos, lead and other contaminants have been found in a vacant skyscraper badly damaged during the 2001 terror attacks in New York, potentially complicating the rebuilding of Ground Zero.

A consultant to the Lower Manhattan Development Corp. revealed the findings at a public hearing where neighbors, environ-

mental advocates and union representatives talked about their concerns over plans to dismantle the 40-story Deutsche Bank building.

Big Dig investigation: An investigation of tunnel leaks in the Big Dig highway project in Boston was repeatedly hindered by officials of the top contractor and the state agency that manages it, says the retired judge who led the probe.

who led the probe.

State officials had too close a relationship with the private contractor, said retired probate court Judge Edward M. Ginsburg.

"They were all married to each other," he told The Boston Globe.

Philadelphia corruption case: The mayor's top political aide testified that part of his job was to make sure "supporters of the mayor's vision" were rewarded with city contracts — but later denied money changed hands

When pressed by prosecutors, George Burrell denied the administration of Mayor John F. Street was trading contracts for campaign contributions.

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# 37 troops killed in 'discouraging' day

## 31 die in copter crash: 6 others die in ambushes

By JASON KEYSER The Associated Press

BAGHDAD - A U.S. helicopter crashed early Wednesday in a desert sandstorm, killing the 30 Marines and one sailor aboard and six other troops were killed by insurgent ambushes in the heaviest single-day loss of life for the United States since the Iraq war began.

Four days before the country's crucial elections, militants set off at least eight car bombings that killed 13 people and injured another 40, including 11 Americans. The guerrillas also carried out a string of attacks nationwide against schools that will serve as polling centers

In Washington, President Bush asked Americans to remain committed to the Iraqi effort, despite what he called a "very discourag-ing" day when the U.S. death toll for the war rose above 1,400.

"We value life and we weep and mourn when soldiers lose their life," the president said. "But it is the long-term objective that is vital, and that is to spread freedom.

While a group calling itself al-Qaida in Iraq warned people to stay away from the polls - saying they would only have themselves to blame if they are hurt in attacks - Bush called on Iraqis to "defy the terrorists" and cast hallots in the Sunday election.

A Bush administration official said the cause of Wednesday's crash was not immediately known but that there was bad weather at the time. An Accuweather map of Iraq showed sandstorms Wednesday in the western region of Iraq, near the Jordanian where the crash took place

The CH-53 Sea Stallion, with a



An Iraqi family watches U.S. soldiers search homes Wednesday on a mission preparing for upcoming elections in Mosul, Iraq. U.S. and Iraqi officials fear a spike in bloodshed and have announced massive security measures to protect voters from possible insurgent attacks during the elections.

craft Wing, was ferrying personnel from the 1st Marine Division when it went down about 1:20 a.m. near the town of Rutbah, about 220 miles west of Baghdad in Anbar province, while conducting security operations, the military said in a statement.

A search and rescue team was sent to the site, and an investigation of the cause was under way.

The victims were 30 Marines and one sailor, said Lt. Gen. John Sattler, the top Marine commander in Iraq - the most American servicemembers to die in a single incident in Iraq. Overall, it was the deadliest day for U.S. forces since the March 2003 invasion almost two years ago

Four other U.S. Marines were killed in fighting in Anbar province, the military said in a state-

A reporter embedded with those troops, Jim Dolan of WABC, said the deaths came when insurgents ambushed a Marine convoy leaving the town of Haditha, northwest of Baghdad. hitting a vehicle with a rocket-propelled grenade.

Also Wednesday, insurgents attacked a U.S. Army patrol in Duluiyah, 50 miles north of Baghdad, killing one soldier and wounding two others, the U.S. command said Another IIS soldier died and two others were wounded in a roadside bombing in the capital, the U.S. command said.

With the helicopter crash and other deaths, at least 1,409 U.S. military members have died in Irag, according to an Associated Press count.

The previous single deadliest incident for U.S. troops was also a heliconter crash: a November

Fatal helicopter crashes in Iraq war

#### Deadliest days

- Jan. 26: U.S. military transport helicopter crashes in bad weather in Iraq's western desert, killing 30 Marines and one sailor. In addition, insurgents kill five other American troops.
- March 23, 2003: American troops killed, including 11 in ambush of 507th Maintenance Company convoy in Nasiriyah in which Army Pvt. Jessica Lynch and six others were captured.
- Nov. 15, 2003: Two Black Hawk helicopters collide and crash in Mosul, apparently hit by ground fire, killing 17 American troops.
- Nov. 2, 2003: U.S. Chinook helicopter carrying troops heading for leave is struck by missile and crashes west of Raghdad killing 16 soldiers, wounding more than 20.
- Dec. 21, 2004: A suicide bomb attack at a mess tent in a base near Mosul kills 22 neonle including 14 U.S. soldiers
- April 6, 2004: In Ramadi, 12 Marines battling insurgents are killed in an ambush
- April 3, 2003: Eleven soldiers killed in combat or die in accidents. The day before, 10 American soldiers died.
- Jan. 8, 2004: Black Hawk medevac helicopter apparently shot down, crashes near Fallujah killing all nine soldiers aboard.
- Nov. 7, 2003: Black Hawk helicopter apparently downed by rocket-propelled grenade, killing six soldiers. - The Associated Press

# 'Too much to comprehend'

BY MICHELLE MORGANTE The Associated Press

2004 collision of two Black Hawk

Previously, the most Ameri-

cans killed in one day came on

the invasion's third day — March

23, 2003 — when 28 troops were

killed during the U.S. military's drive to take Baghdad and topple

Last month, a suicide bomb ex-

ploded at a mess tent in a base

near Mosul, killing 22 people in-

cluding 14 U.S. soldiers and three

The U.S. military has lost at

least 33 helicopters since the start of the war, including at least 20

brought down by hostile fire, ac-

cording to a study by the Brook-

helicopters that killed 17

Saddam Hussein.

American contractors.

OCEANSIDE Calif. - This seaside military town reacted with grief and resolve Wednesday at the news that 31 troops were killed when a transport heli-copter crashed in the deadliest single incident yet for U.S. forces in Iraq.
"It's terrible, but it comes with

the territory," said Carl Dreibel-bis, 52, an Oceanside native who served in the Navy and said members of his family have fought in every IIS war since the Ameri-

"I'm afraid that when people hear this, their inclinations will be to retreat. But I say charge," Dreibelbis said.

The victims were members of the 1st Marine Division at Camp Pendleton, near Oceanside — and the 3rd Marine Air-craft Wing, based at Marine Corps Air Station Miramar in San Diego, Further details were withheld pending notification of

Amber Warlock, 31, a former

rine pilot stationed at Camp Pendleton, said she was stunned when she heard about the crash on television.

You hear about people dying every day in ones and twos," she "But 31 is just too much to comprehend.

She sought solace at the beach ith her 5-month-old daughter Heidi and a fellow Marine wife who cried at news of the deaths, even though she had confirmed

her husband was OK in Iraq. "You just know how every single woman sitting in her home feels, whether it's going to be yours or someone you know," Warlock said. "It doesn't matter who it is. It's a bad day for every-

Larry Hughes, 58, a former Pendleton Marine, has a nephew serving in the National Guard in Iraq. News of such tragedies always hits him hard.

"The fact it's an accident doesn't make any difference," he said. "When they go over there, they put their lives on the line. That's the price of freedom."

The Associated Press ■ Jan. 26: A CH-53 Super Stal-

lion transport helicopter crashed in bad weather in western Iraq, killing 30 Marines and one sailor

■ Dec. 10, 2004: An AH-64 Apache attack helicopter collided with a UH-60 Black Hawk that was on the ground at an air base in Mosul, killing two U.S. soldiers and injuring four ■ Oct. 16, 2004: Two OH-58

Kiowa helicopters crashed in southwest Baghdad, killing two and wounding two. It was unclear whether hostile fire brought the aircraft down

April 11, 2004: Gunmen shot down an Apache attack helicopter in western Baghdad, killing its two crew members

■ Feb. 25, 2004: A Kiowa crashed in a river west of Baghdad, killing the two crewmembers on board. A witness saw a missile hit one of two helicopters in the area.

■ Jan. 23, 2004: A Kiowa crashed near the northern town of Qayyarah, killing the two pilots. The cause of the crash was

■ Jan. 8, 2004: A Black Hawk medevac helicopter crashed near Fallujah, killing all nine soldiers on hoard. A witness said a rocket hit the tail

■ Jan. 2, 2004: A Kiowa was shot down near Fallujah, killing its pilot and wounding another sol-

■ Nov. 15, 2003: Two Black Hawks crashed in Mosul, killing 17 soldiers and injuring five. The military said the helicopters collided during a likely rocket-propelled grenade attack

■ Nov. 7, 2003: A Black Hawk was downed near Tikrit, apparently by a rocket-propelled grenade. killing all six on board.
■ Nov. 2, 2003: A Chinook

transport helicopter was shot down near Fallujah, killing 16 and injuring 26. The military be-lieved a SA-7 shoulder-fired missile struck an engine

■ May 19, 2003: A CH-46 Sea Knight transport helicopter crashed shortly after takeoff in the Shat al-Hillah Canal in Hillah, about 60 miles south of Baghdad killing four Marines. Another Marine drowned trying to rescue them. The crash appeared to be

■ May 9, 2003: A Black Hawk crashed near Samarra, killing three soldiers, in an apparent acci-

accidental

■ March 20, 2003: A Sea Knight crashed in Kuwait, about nine miles from the Iraq border, killing eight British troops and four U.S. Marines. No hostile fire was reported in the area.

# **Pentagon rethinking focus** on conventional warfare

Proposal shifts strategy toward insurgencies, terrorists

BY BRADLEY GRAHAM The Washington Post

WASHINGTON - The Pentagon has drafted terms for an ambitious reshaping of U.S. forces that would put less emphasis on waging conventional warfare and more on dealing with insurgencies, terrorist networks, failed states and other nontraditional threats, according to senior defense officials and others familiar with the confidential planning.

This proposed shift in strategic focus stems partly from a recognition that U.S. forces were inadequately prepared for the insurgency in Iraq and the wider hunt for terrorists around the world.

But officials said it also grows out of a heightened perception of other potential threats

The new thinking has emerged in a classified document being readied for Defense Secretary Donald Rumsfeld's signature by the Pentagon's policy branch in coordination with the Joint Chiefs of Staff and service representatives. The document, called the "Terms of Reference," sets the framework for the Quadrennial Defense Review (QDR), which Congress has mandated to compel a look at U.S. military strategy at the start of each presidential term.

By giving a higher priority to a larger set of possible security challenges, the initiative goes beyond notions of military transformation the Bush administration has previously touted, the officials said, But with months of internal Pentagon wrangling still ahead over which programs to favor and which to cut, the ultimate result is far from certain

This intensified push for change comes at a time when the Iraq conflict and war on terrorism have badly taxed the U.S. military, especially the Army, requiring more forces and longer deployments than anticipated and highlighting shortfalls in U.S. capabilities. Recent experience has shown that while the Pentagon remains flush with planes, ships and precision-guided munitions — all useful in large cor tional battles - it is desperately short of other kinds of troops, weapons and specialized skills important ntional conflicts and postwar reco

"The traditional focus was on conventional military threats," Douglas Feith, the Pentagon's policy chief, said in an interview. 'We're now talking about things much broader

than that This evolution in strategy could have significant budgetary consequences, officials said. It would di-

vert some resources from major weapons pro-grams, such as tactical fighter jets and aircraft carri-ers, and toward more ground troops — or a different mix of troops favoring specialized areas such as intelligence gathering, foreign-language skills and civil affairs work. It also would mean greater investment in new technologies, such as improved drone aircraft, computer network defenses, and measures for countering biological or chemical attacks, officials said.

Just how much change will ensue is difficult to predict. Facing a huge federal budget deficit and mounting war costs in Iraq, Pentagon officials could feel greater pressure to make hard choices than they did during President Bush's first term. Even so, history has shown that military, business and political groups with vested interests in existing programs have often frustrated attempts at sweeping change.



Supporters cruise through the streets of Baghdad on Wednesday with their vehicles covered by election posters of Shiite clerics. Iraqis are to choose a 275-member National Assembly and legislatures in each of the 18 provinces in Sunday's balloting.

# Iraq announces curfew. travel ban during vote

BY BASSEM MROUE The Associated Press

BACHDAD - The government announced Wednesday that it would ban travel between provinces and extend the hours of curfew as part of heightened security before the weekend national elections.

Interior Minister Falah al-Nagib said security in four tense provinces where it had been said that elections would be difficult has improved by 80 percent. "We have been able to go past

this," he added, apparently referring to the provinces of Baghdad, Anbar, Salaheddin and Ninevah. Al-Naqib said the curfew would be extended from 7 p.m. until 6 a.m. starting Friday evening until Tuesday. The elec-tion of a 275-member National Assembly and provincial legislators is Sunday.

During that period, only vehicles with special permits would be allowed to travel between Iraq's 18 provinces.

The government has already announced plans to close Bagh dad International Airport and seal the nation's borders during the election period. Weapons will

be banned, and al-Naqib announced rewards for Iraqis who turn in "terrorists."

He said police officers who detain or give information about terrorists or stop car bombs will get special rewards that could be as high as \$200.000.

Movement of all unauthorized vehicles will be barred on elec-tion day. Local police chiefs in different provinces have the right to extend the controls throughout the elections period. Gathering outside polling stations will be barred, the minister said.

Insurgents have been attacking places to be used as polling sta tions, election workers and candi-dates in their attempt to disrupt the elections. They have also warned people against voting, say-ing they will launch bloody attacks on elections day.

Al-Naqib said the government was determined to hold the election throughout the country gardless of insurgent threats.

We have full confidence that together, based on these measures, we will contribute to the success of the elections and to providing a secure atmosphere for a bigger participation by all the people of Iraq and all areas of our be-loved country," al-Nagib said.

## More U.S. troops to help train Iraqi forces

BY PAULING JELINER

The Associated Press

WASHINGTON - U.S. commanders are devising a plan for as many as 10,000 soldiers and Marines to accompany Iraqi units as advisers and trainers, substantial increase from the few thousand doing such work now, defense officials say.

The theory is that after Sunday's election some U.S. troops will begin focusing less on directly fighting insurgents and more on training Iraqi forces to do it themselves

This latest proposal to accelerate the troubled training program comes amid rising calls in Washington for the Bush administration to start working on plans for a phased withdrawal of troops from Iraq. There also is concern that U.S. offensive operations are increasing anger among Iragis

Interim Iraqi Prime Minister Ayad Allawi said Tuesday it was too soon to talk about a pullout, adding that ILS troops could not leave until Iraq builds up its security forces. "Setting final dates will be futile and dangerous," he said in Baghdad

Indeed, the Army disclosed that it was planning to keep troop levels in Iraq at the current level of roughly 120,000 for another two years.

That could change as security gets better or worse, Lt. Gen. James J. Lovelace Jr. told reporters Monday, but official plan-

ning is for little change in numbers through 2006.

Advisers in the expanded training plan would come from U.S. units already in Iraq, where some U.S. teams already are working with Iraqi units, doing joint patrols and fighting side by

Commanders want to expand the program countrywide and have talked about several nossinumbers. including a 10,000-man total.

No decision had been announced as of Tuesday. But the idea is to make training the No. 1 priority of U.S. forces in Iraq and gradually put Iraqis out front in the fight, one senior official said on condition of anonymity. He suggested that American forces may be nearing the point at which they will be gaining diminishing returns on their combat operations.

Counting all the military ser-rices, the United States has 150,000 troops in Iraq, spends more than \$1 billion a week and is continually killing and capturing suspected insurgents. Still, the level of insurgent ac-

tivity is about the same as it was six months ago, U.S. Ambassador John Negroponte said Sunday

A statement from coalition forces in Baghdad last week said that enough progress had been made in training Iraqis that it has prompted the coalition to focus in 2005 on transitioning the counter-insurgency fight" to local forces.

Officials have been working for months to accelerate training of Iraqi forces, which have suffered from desertions, low morale and leadership problems.

The Pentagon early this month sent retired Army Gen. Gary E. Luck to help the Iraq government and U.S. commanders develop an accelerated pro-Some experts have suggested

that new Iraqi officials elected Sunday may be more eager to ask the U.S. military to leave. But the United States hopes that an elected Iraqi government might command broader public support in the campaign against the insurgents and says any new government will know it needs continued coalition help.

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# **Guam sub dry-docked to assess damage**

BY JENNIFER H. SVAN Stars and Stripes

A team of Navy submarine experts is preparing to assess the damaged USS San Francisco to determine whether the Guambased warship can be repaired and return

The attack submarine entered dry dock Wednesday at the Guam Shipyard, U.S. Naval Base Guam officials announced in a news release.

The Navy certified the dry dock "Big Blue" for the one-time docking of the USS San Francisco so officials can assess the damage the submarine sustained when it ran aground Jan. 8.

The dock is capable of housing ships that weigh up to 40,000 long tons.

"It's an all-day evolution. It started about 3 a.m. and will be completed tonight," Naval Base Guam spokeswoman Lt. Arwen Consaul said Wednesday.

During the dry docking, the submarine is secured to wood blocks while water slow-ly is drained. Divers ensure the ship is secure, Consaul said.

A Navy team, led by Pearl Harbor Naval Shipyard and Naval Sea Systems Command, is planning to conduct a full engineering assessment on the San Francisco.

"Until they put in dry dock, they can't get a full visual on the actual damage on the front of the submarine," Consaul said.

The group will determine whether the ship can be repaired and whether it's seaworthy for transport to a shipyard for those repairs, she said.

The San Francisco, a Los Angeles-class, fast-attack submarine, is believed to have struck an uncharted underwater rock mass about 350 natical miles south of Guam while on its way to Australia, according to news reports. Twenty-three sailors were reported injured in the incident, and



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The USS San Francisco is escorted into dry dock Wednesday in Apra Harbor, Guam. The submarine is entering dry dock for repairs after it ran aground 350 miles south of Guam on Jan. 8, killing one sailor.

Petty Officer 2nd Class Joseph Allen Ashley, a machinist's mate from Akron, Ohio, was killed

Cmdr. Kevin Mooney, who commanded the USS San Francisco, was reassigned to Submarine Squadron 15 on Guam pending completion of the investigation into the crash. Cmdr. Andrew Hale, deputy commander of Submarine Squadron 15, has assumed command of the San Francisco.

For Guam's two other nuclear-powered

submarines, it's business as usual, Consaul said. "The City of Corpus Christi just came out of a maintenance period and the Houston did all of its maintenance prior to coming out to Guam," she said. "Both of them are at Polaris Point and supporting the San Francisco however they can"."

The San Francisco has 19 officers and 126 enlisted sailors on board. The crew will continue to work on the submarine during its dry dock period, Consaul said.

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## Uncharted sea mountain seen in 2004 images

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Satellite images of the area where a nuclear submarine grounded three weeks ago clearly show a wedge-shaped undersea mountain that stretches across more than a mile of a desolate expanse of the South Pacific, the New York Times reported in its Sunday editions.

Military officials have said the mountain, which rises within 100 feet of the surface, was not on the navigation charts that the Navy uses. One sailor was killed and 23 were injured when the submarine, the USS San Francisco, rammed the mountain at high speed on Jan 8.

The satellite images, taken in 1999 and early 2004, suggest that the mountain is part of a larger range of undersea volcanoes and reefs, the Times report-

Besides relying on charts, submarines also receive fixes from navigation satellites and take soundings of water depths. Officials told the Times that the San Francisco's officers have said they took a sounding just four minutes before the crash, and it indicated that the vessel was still in 6,000 feet of water.

It is possible that the San Francisco could have detected the undersea mountain if it had used its active sonar system. But since early in the Cold War, submarines have avoided using active give away their location. Even on training missions, they practice operating silently and rely on passive sonar systems that can detect only ships and other objects making noise.

#### USFJ to welcome new commander

YOKOTA AIR BASE, Japan — U.S. Forces Japan and the 5th Air Force are about to get a new chief.

Lt. Gen. Thomas Waskow, who is retiring, will turn over the leadership posts to Lt. Gen. Bruce A Wright during a change-of-command ceremony Feb. 9 at 10 a.m. in Yokota's Hangar 15. Adm. Thomas B. Fargo, the head of Pacific Command, is scheduled to preside over the event.
Wright previously was vice commander of the Air

Combat Command at Langley Air Force Base, Va. Waskow, a command pilot with more than 4,500 flying

Waskow, a command pilot with more than 4,500 flying hours, including 904 in combat, became Japan's senior U.S. military representative in November 2001. He announced retirement plans in the fall but remained in place as Wright's nomination by President Bush made its way through the Senate.

Commissioned in 1970 after graduating from the Air Force Academy, Waskow served at overseas locations for 13 of the past 15 years, including stints in Okinawa, Belgium, Italy, Guam and Hawaii.

#### Zama High students face deadlines

A pair of deadlines are approaching for Zama High School students.

Applications and entries in the National Peace Essay Contest are due Feb. 2. Those interested in taking part should see Ms. Butler, an English teacher, or visit www.usip.org.

Students who want to attend this year's United States Military Academy Summer Leaders Seminar must apply by April 18. Applications and additional information are available at http://forms.admissions.usma.edu/AI.

The cost is \$300, and students can attend one of two sessions. Contact Ms. Butler at DSN 263-5241 for more information.

From staff reports

# Yokota completes readiness drill

By VINCE LITTLE Stars and Stripes

YOKOTA AIR BASE, Japan — With hundreds deployed to the Middle East and tsunami-stricken regions of South Asia, the 374th Airthit Wing resumed its practice routine this week, wrapping up the year's first Operational Readiness Exercise on Wednesday.

That regimen intensifies over the next several months as Yokota prepares for the Operational Readiness Inspection by Pacific Air Forces officials in February 2006. The next ORE unfolds March 13-18, with other sessions to follow in July, September and November.

"This particular ORE was to test the wing's ability to deploy airmen rapidly and in the correct manner," said ist Lt. Warren Comer, a 374th Airlift Wing spokesman. "Most of our OREs also test our ability to survive and operate but this one was shortened and more attention was paid to our ability to generate airlift."

He said the wing performed numerous functions during the exercise, delivering 152 troops and 109 tons of cargo under various scenarios drawn up by the wing's Inspector General office. At the same time, Yokota received 466 personnel and 226 tons of supplies. The base also rehearsed the first deployment of its surgical teams, or Expeditionary Medical Support units, Comer added. The Pacific's largest airlift hub moved 27 pallets of medical cargo and three pieces of rolling stock, which can be wheeled in and

The ORE, which had been scheduled to start Monday, instead began a day earlier, with Yokota airmen being called in to work.

"The recall over the weekend was to test the wing's ability to report for duty during a time that's not normally expected," Comer said. "Yokota's airmen have to play as a team during the exercise, where every aspect of our particular jobs are tested by the wing's Inspector General office."

Throughout the week, he said, that inspection team laid out some specific tasks, examining the wing's ability to load aircraft in a funely manner alonguiging its response to simulated welicle accidents that required emergency treatment. A "protest" was staged outside the main gate Tuesday, followed by a moch news conference aimed at measuring the reaction of semior military officials.

Personnel also practiced emergency first aid in the workplace, with airmen "injured" by accidental falls and others simulating cuts from equipment. Normally, the base's inspector general team issues an overall grade the wing about two weeks after an exercise is completed. It's based on a standard five-tier evaluation system used by the Air Force, with marks for outstanding, excellent, satisfactory, marginal and unsatisfactory performances.

Each unit also has an exercise evaluation team member who provides input used in a final report. "We won't know the actual outcome

"We won't know the actual outcome of the exercise until that comes out," Comer said.

Col. Doug Kreulen, the 374th Airlift Wing commander, praised the wing's ORE performance but said there are areas to address between now and the inspection in 2006.

"This is my third ORE at Yokota and we are significantly more prepared now to deploy combat-ready personnel and cargo than in the past," he said. "However, we do have lots of areas that we will need to improve to earn an 'Outstanding' from the PACAF IG."

But, he said, "we are blessed to have dedicated officers and noncommissioned officers that want to lead and want to excel. Through their dedication, we'll earn an outstanding."

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Volanda Rayford, Pacific region assistant project manager for Native American Management Services Inc., guides a Saseo Naval Base Fleet and Family Support Center class of servicemembers near retirement through the details of finding work after the military in a Transition Assistance Program session Wednesday aftermoon. Topics covered included ability assessments, resume writing and interview skills.

# Training broadens Sasebo retirement transition program

BY GREG TYLER Stars and Stripes

SASEBO NAVAL BASE, Japan

— A Native American Management Services Inc. representative
is here this week to train contractors in skills they need to help servicemembers who are nearing retirement and about to approach

the civilian workforce.
Yolanda Rayford, a NAMS assistant project manager working from the Fleet and Family Support Center in Sasebo this week, travels to installations with transition assistance programs, offering regular training to people helping servicemembers re-enter the iob market.

The Department of Labor saw a need for more counselors with enhanced levels of training, said FFSC officials, and hired NAMS. The firm provides contracted services to the federal government in addition to doing specialized work with Native American businesses.

From her main office at Vokota Air Base, Rayford recruits and trains contractors to help full-time TAP directors with monthly transition assistance classes and one-on-one counseling. This week in Sasebo, Rayford is training newly hired counselor Martha Byrd.

"I more than welcome the help," said Sasebo TAP director Rohana Hooper. "In fact, if the classes become large enough, we can now safely say we can add even more TAP sessions based on the need we perceive."

At Sasebo, Hooper explained, monthly TAP classes for retiring servicememberscover issues including interviewing, assessing skills, writing and distributing resumes, continuing educational needs and how military experience translates into civilian work-place positions.

Each month, on days TAP instruction is scheduled, Byrd, a contractor, will assist Hooper, providing about twice the professional support FFSC's TAP could offer before.

Rayford said she hopes also to boost TAP support at other Pacific bases.

"I am currently looking to recruit facilitators at Yokota Air Base, Yokosuka Naval Base and Camp Humphreys in South Korea," she said. "These people work on a contract basis and it's an ideal position for family members of military."

Anyone interested in working as a transition assistance counselor contracted through NAMS should e-mail Rayford at yrayford@namsinc.org.

The 30 or more servicemembers attending Wednesday's session at Sasebo seemed attentive; many took notes.

"What we as sailors are learning sextremely helpful," Petty Officer 1st Class Aaron Thomas, to retire in August, said after the session. "Just what we've learned in the last hour, about résumés and interviewing, and how it's important to avoid military jargon and acronyms in written material

... and that's just a small portion of it. You have to learn and realize that just because you had 20 years in the Navy, that doesn't mean you're going to end up as the top dog outside the military structure.

"You might have to reach in there and clean the toilets and work your way up," he added, "just like anybody else."

Call Hooper or Byrd at DSN 252-3114 for more information about the FFSC Transition Assistance Program in Sasebo.

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# **AFN TV** service fully restored

## Adjustments to dish required to receive signal

BY PATRICK DICKSON AND ERIK SLAVIN

Stars and Strings

WASHINGTON — As of 2 a.m. Thursday, Japan time, Pacific-Region AFN Japan/Korea Direct-To-Home Satellite Service has been restored on a different international commercial satellite.

But switching to the new satellite, the NewSkies-6, located in a different part of the sky, will require a dish and low-noise block adjustment and decoder settings change to receive AFN service again. Those settings and procedures are available at www.myafn.net.

DTH customers must move their satellite dish to the west, adjust the dish up or down, rotate the low-noise block, and change the decoder settings.

"If you understand the directions, it should be fairly easy, like tuning a tuner on the radio," said Keith Lebling, detachment chief at AFN Pacific in

"If someone doesn't understand the directions, we'll provide help."

Viewers paying for AFN satellite dishes and decoders will receive an 84-cent refund per day from AAFES and NEX for the time missed during the loss of programming, according to spokesmen from both exchange services. The refund will appear on the next month's bill, they said.

In addition to instructions on its Web site, AFN also has a 24-hour help desk at DSN (312) 348-1339, and another line available in Tokyo at DSN 225-2370, from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Viewers can reach the Okinawa technical help desk at DSN 645-7636 from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.

The Defense Media Center in Riverside, Calif., has sent help to regional AFN centers to answer the questions.

Primary service for American Forces Network and American Forces Radio and Television Service was lost Jan. 15 when an electrical failure aboard international communications satellite IN-TELSAT 804 resulted in catastrophic failure.

The loss affected all of mainland Japan, Okinawa, South Korea and other Pacific installations from Diego Garcia to Alaska, Lebling said.

While many AFN stations were able to quickly restore a minimum level of service by switching to the communications satellite dedicated to the joint AFRTS/Navy Direct-To-Sailor service, the normal AFN Japan/Korea regional service was lost.

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Army Cpl. Elizero Cestero, right, and Air Force Airman 1st Class Meera Abheln, left, both bard of the ceremonial detail, walk with Lt. Gen. Robert R. Blackman Fr., commander of Combined Support Force 536, second from right, and indonesiant Lt. Col. S. Tharmin to carry a memorial wreath to the sea in Thialand during a ceremony Wednesday marking one month since tsumants devasted 60 voth Asia.

# Troops reflect on 'sacred duty' during memorial

BY JULIANA GITTLER Stars and Stripes

JOMTIEN, Thailand — Several hundred servicemembers working in Thailand in support of Operation Unified Assistance walked to the edge of the sea in Thailand on Wednesday to cast off a memorial wreath in memory of the hundreds of thousands killed exactly a month earlier by the same waters a few hundred kilometers away.

Five U.S. chaplains and military liaison chaplains from Thailand, Australia, India and Indonesia helped honor those killed and missing, those grieving their losses and those helping in the relief effort.

Servicemembers closed the memorial by tossing white roses into the surf.

"We have showed that people do care," said Lt. Gen. Robert R. Blackman Jr., the commander of Combined Support Force 536. "We demonstrate to them that we're really here for people in need."

As many as 15,000 servicemembers from the five services came to the region to help minimize the loss of life and mitigate human suffering after a string of tsunamis tore through coastal communities in a dozen countries.

They carried food, drinking water and medical aid to remote locations, removed debris and helped to identify remains of people lost in the disaster.

"It is hard to believe or even imagine the magnitude of sadness" felt by the grieving. Tom Frey, from the U.S. Agency for International Development, said at the memorial.

Even one month later, we still cannot fully appreciate the immensity of the devastation, said Gerhard Putnam-Cramer with the United Nations



Holding white roses, U.S. troops listen during a memorial service Wednesday. The ceremony was attended by several hundred participants of Combined Support Group 536 in Thailand.

He added that the cooperation forged between military and civilian organizations for the operation is "proof of our ability to jointly make a difference."

Blackman closed by telling the gathered servicemembers that their military functions also serve an important humanitarian role.

"Ours is far beyond military duties" he said. "Ours is really a sacred duty, and that is bringing hone"

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# **Ceremonies mark month anniversary of tsunamis**

#### Kids in Aceh province return to classrooms

BY YEOH EN-LAI The Associated Press

BANDA ACEH, Indonesia — One month after an epic tsunami ravaged South Asia, children and teachers in Indonesia's worst-init Aceh province on Wednesday made an emotional return to school, where thousands of desks of classmates and colleagues sat

Alqausar, a 6-year-old boy with neatly parted hair, arrived at school with his mother and wondered where his best friend Andi was.

But reality soon dawned on

"I don't think he's coming," whispered the boy, one of six in his class of 43 who showed up at a primary school. Of the school's enrollment of 600, only 260 came Wednesday. The others are presumed dead.

Mourners along a road on Sri Lanka's shattered coastline lit candles and set colored flags in silent memory of at least 30,957 people who died there Dec. 26.

"In memory of that day, for the missing and dead in all the countries, we are praying that a tsunami will never return, said L. Chandaransi, head monk at the Ariyakara Viharaya temple near the southern Sri Lankan city of Galle.

Up to 147,000 people are still missing across South Asia, and differing government tallies put the overall death toll between 144,000 and 178,000. But workers continued to find bodies under mud-caked rubble, and the toll was expected to rise.

In Thailand, where at least 5,384 people were killed and more than 3,100 are missing, two residents of the island of Koh residents of the island is the island island is the island is

In Sri Lanka, a judge will begin hearing evidence next week from nine women who each claim that an infant dubbed "Baby 81" is her lost child.

The baby boy was found half buried in mud hours after last month's tsunami struck and is being cared for at a hospital in eastern Sri Lanka, where he was the 81st admission on the day of the disaster.

"I will go through all the evidence and if I am not satisfied, I will order a DNA test," said Judge M.P. Mohaideen.

Behind Wednesday's commemorations and public grieving was a deepening sense of frustration



A U.S. Navy FA-18 Super Hornet fighter takes off Wednesday from the aircraft carrier USS Abraham Lincoln off the Indonesian coast. The U.S. military began wrapping up its stunami relief effort in Indonesia, a month after airlifting food and medicines from warships.

## U.S. military scaling down relief operations in Aceh

ABOARD THE USS ABRA-HAM LINCOLN—The U.S. military is beginning to scale back its tsunami relief efforts in Indonesia as other nations take over the operations, officials said Wednesday.

The aircraft carrier USS Abraham Lincoln, which was diverded to Sumatra within four days of the Dec. 26 disaster with 17 SH-60 Seahawk helicopters aboard, is preparing to sail home to Everett, Wash., the military officials said.

The United Nations, Australia

and other countries already have begun flying their own helicopters with supplies from Banda Aceh, the provincial capital, to devastated and isolated villages along Sumatra's western coast:

"Our role was important at first. Now that the other forces are coming in, the need for the helicopters is less important, and we will probably start to make our exit from this operation," said Rear Adm. William Crowder, who commands the

Lincoln's battle group.

— The Associated Press

#### Parody song offends

NEW YORK — WQHT-FM continued to be criticized Wednesday for a song a morning deejay played last week that made fun of victims of the South Asian tsunami.

"The Tsunami Song," a parody of "We are the World" that was aired by Hot 97 morning host Miss Jones, takes jabs at the tragedy and uses ethnic slurs. Local leaders have called on the Federal Communications Commission to take action against the hip-hop station.

The station did post an apology a few hours after the broadcast and also said the station's morning team would donate a week's salary to tsunami relief efforts. The station has received thousands of e-mails calling for Miss Jones to be fired.

among some survivors over the slowness of recovery efforts.

"We have not received any assistance yet," read a banner strung between plastic tents housing survivors in Sri Lanka's Galle.

The government has promised to rebuild homes destroyed in the tsunami but has banned houses from being built along the beach front. Fishermen have grumbled that they need to live near the water for their livelihood.

"We have enough food and water but we need boats and nets. We don't want to be beggars," said fisherman Priyantha Senaviratna, 27, who lost his 4-year-old daughter to the waves.

"I lost everything to the sea, but I want to get it back through the sea. If the government will give me a boat, I can start my life again. I just hear politicians' promises but I see no action at all." he said.

all," he said.

The international Red Cross said Wednesday it was winding down fund-raising efforts because it had raised enough money—\$1.17 billion—to sustain long-term aid.

# **Indians livid over stampede that killed 258**

## Ruined merchants say officials ill-prepared for throngs of pilgrims

BY JEEJA PUROHIT

WAI, India — Furious residents on Wednesday blamed local authorities for a fire and stampede that killed more than 250 Hindus in a small town in west India, saying officials were ill-prepared for the hundreds of thousands of pilgrims who attended the annual festival.

The fire on Tuesday, apparently started by angry pilgrims, gutted hundreds of makeshift shops along a walkway leading to a hilltop temple. At least 258 people died as the fire triggered a stampede on the crowded narrow path.

Residents of Wai, the small town where the Mandra Devi temple is located, said local authorities were not ready for the masses of devotees attending the pilgrimage — even though large crowds come every year.

"Now they are coming and consoling us. They should have taken care when they



Shopkeepers search for their belongings Wednesday in the ruins of their burned shops outside Mandra Devi temple at Wai, India. The death toll from Tuesday's stampede at a Hindu festival in western India climbed above 250 on Wednesday.

knew more than 300,000 people would be here for the festival," said Ramdas Matre, as politicians and officials toured the area Wednesday.

Matre's cassette shop was destroyed by

the fire. "I had taken loans to set up the shop. I am completely ruined," he said. The walkway was dotted with about 1,000 makeshift shops, nearly half of them belonging to Wai residents. Most of them

were destroyed. They now want the government to investigate the fire and compensate them.

The government has said it will give \$2,300 relief to those whose shops or hous-

es were destroyed.

Witnesses said officials and police constables deployed near the temple on Tuesday did little to control the crowd when the stampede began.

Police said the incident began when the temple floor became slippery from a ceremony that involved breaking coconuts in front of a deity. Some pilgrims fell and were trampled to death by others propelled forward by the mass of people behind them.

As word of the deaths spread, other pilgrims became angry and set fire to shops, triggering a stampede of screaming crowds.

The situation was worsened, some said, because many in the crowd were drunk, a common occurrence at Hindu festivals, which sometimes have a party-like atmosphere.

"The mob turned violent because many people were drunk," said Shravan Chavan, who has been coming to the festival for 18 years

Stampedes are not uncommon at major Hindu religious festivals, which can attract millions of worshippers. Authorities are often unable to cope with the huge crowds.

# At least 8 dead in Thai boat accident

BY SUTIN WANNABOVORN
The Associated Press

BANGKOK, Thailand — Thai rescuers were scrambling Wednesday to find at least four tourists still missing after an overcrowded boat capsized and sank while carrying revelers back from a full-moon beach party. A Thai woman's body was found, raising the death toll to eight.

Police said 10 people remained missing in the general area of Pha-Ngan and Samui, but authorities have so far been able to confirm only that four of them were on the boat traveling between the neighboring islands in southern Thailand. Of the eight killed, three were Brit-

ons, one was American and four were Thais, said police Lt. Col. Veerayuth Hiran. Only one of the victims has been identified by relatives: Zachery Tschetter, 30, of California, Veerayuth said. Nine other tourists were injured in the accident.

In London, Britain's foreign office confirmed that three Britons — two men and a woman — had died and that one Briton remained missing. A fifth Briton could be among the missing, but it was uncertain whether he had boarded the boat, a foreign office spokesman said.

Samran Rungruen, the skipper of the 30-foot boat surrendered Wednesday and blamed the accident on a mechanical problem, police said. He fled the scene Tuesday after the boat sank while carrying 40-50 people, far more than the 25-30 it was designed to carry, said Veerayuth.

Authorities continued to interview

tourists at guest houses and resorts on Samui Island to account for the

"The information about missing people is very sketchy because the people we have talked to often don't know whether their friends or relatives were on that boat," said Lt. Korjaru Sangamantorn, the marine police chief

The boat capsized at about 5:30 a.m. Tuesday as it was traveling from Pha-Ngan Island, which attracts thousands of young foreigners to monthly full-moon parties, to the larger resort of Samui.

Survivors who were rescued about 3 miles from Samui's pier said most of the boat's passengers were drunk.

Pha-Ngan and Samui were not affected by the Dec. 26 tsunami that killed more than 5,000 people in Thailand

# Israel and Palestinians resume diplomatic ties

BY MARK LAVIE

JERUSALEM — Israel and the Palestinian Authority resumed diplomatic contacts Wednesday, after a two-week freeze, and Israel agreed to suspend targeted killings of Palestinian militants — two more steps toward a cease-fire and a resumption of peace talk

resumption of peace talks. The relative calm of the past week was marred by a brief burst of violence in the Gaza Strip on Wednesday, including Palestinian rocket fire and the killing of a Palestinian preschooler, apparently by Israeli army fire.

Also, in the West Bank Israeli troops shot and killed a Palestinian militant and seriously wounded two others in an arrest raid on the town of Qalqiliya, the army said

However, it was not clear if the violence would slow the momentum toward a truce.

Israeli and Palestinian officials held a flurry of meetings Wednesday, both to prepare for a summit between the Israeli and Palestinian leaders and to finalize a plan for Palestinian police deployment in the Gaza Strip on Thursday.

#### Celibacy ban rethought

SYDNEY, Australia — Roman Catholic priests in Australia have urged the Vatican to overturn a centuries-old ban on married clergy to help boost recruitment of new priests, a report said Wednesday.

Australia's National Council of Priests wrote to the Vatican's Synod of Bishops last month arguing that marriage should not be a barrier to ordination and asking the church to consider readmit ting priests who had left the clegy to marry, the Sydney Morning Herald newspaper said Wednesday.

#### Candy bin explodes

ROME—A candy container exploded Wednesday in northeastern Italy as a group of middle school students walked by, raising fears that the "Italian Unabomber" had struck again, police said. No one was injured. Investigators said the explosive would be analyzed to see if it is

similar to that used by the "Italian Unabomber."

Joint economic project

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SEOUL — A South Korean province on Wednesday suggested building an unprecedented joint-venture farm in North Korea to help ease the impover-ished North's food shortages.

If built, the farm would mark the first of its kind in the communist North, where state-run collective farms cannot meet demands, forcing millions to survive on foreign aid.

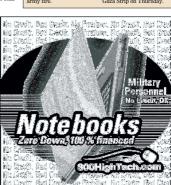
Sohn estimated it would take five years to build the farm at a cost of \$2.4 million. The plan requires clearance by the Seoul government.

From The Associated Press



# Education Focus

In Sunday Scene, this Sunday



# **GAO** report points to Pentagon waste

By CHRISTOPHER LEE The Washington Post

WASHINGTON — The U.S. government's biggest department is also one of the most prone to waste fraud and abuse raising concerns about the effectiveness of many of its programs, accord-ing to a new report by the Govern-ment Accountability Office.

The Department of Defense accounts for eight of the 25 federal programs, functions or offices that appear on the GAO's 2005 "high-risk" list. Two of its functions - inventory management and weapon systems acquisition - have been on the list of prob-

 — nave been on the list of prob-lem programs since 1990.
 "This is unacceptable and should not be tolerated," Comp-troller General David Walker

 "This comparish" Troubers. said Tuesday at a news conference. He was joined, in sentiment and at the lectern, by several lawmakers, including Sens. Susan Collins, R-Maine, Joseph Lieberman, D-Conn., George Voinovich, R-Ohio, and Daniel Akaka, D-Hawaii; and Reps. Tom Davis, R-Va. and Henry Waxman, D-Calif.

Walker noted that the Pentagon also has several other programs that landed on the list, a compilation of the biggest managerial trouble spots across the federal government issued by the GAO every other year. He said the de-partment's failure to turn around many of the problem areas "re-



U.S. Comptroller General David Walker discusses a report listing high risk areas for government waste, fraud and abuse during a news conference on Tuesday.

sults in billions of dollars in waste each year and inadequate accountability to the Congress and the American taxpaver

Areas of concern at Defense in-clude financial and contract management, the personnel security clearance program, management of military bases, and modernization of its computer systems, the report found.

Cheryl Irwin, a department spokeswoman, said Tuesday that officials need time to study the re-port before commenting. "We are

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certainly reviewing it. "It's a little bit premature at this time for us to have a full response

New to the high-risk list this vear is a government-wide problem of ineffective sharing of information related to homeland secu-rity. The report cited the "slow pace" of information sharing between fingerprint databases at the Department of Homeland Se-curity and the Justice Department. It also said that inconsistent agency policies and overlap-ping sets of data would impede efforts to consolidate information from 12 terrorist and criminal watch systems maintained by nine federal agencies

The report's findings "essential-ly say to us that we haven't achieved the homeland security the law requires us to achieve,' said Lieberman, the ranking Dem ocrat on the Senate Homeland Se curity and Governmental Affairs Committee. "... The risk here is to the personal security of the American people at home

The GAO did say that information sharing has improved since the Sept. 11, 2001, terrorist attacks. Congress created Home-land Security to serve, among other things, as a repository for in

Lawmakers said the report pro vides a guide for agencies to improve and in some cases an indication of where Congress should step in with legislation

# **Trouble spots**

The Defense Department accounts for about one-third of the functions, offices or programs on the Government Accountability Office's 2005 "high-risk" list for being inefficient or ineffective.

#### Government function or program designated "high-risk," by year it was added to list

Defense Department personnel security clearance Defense Department business transformation

Effective information sharing to improve homeland security Management of interagency contracting

Disability program modernization Implementing the Department of Homeland Security Managing federal property Medicaid program

Pension Benefit Guaranty Corp. single-employer insurance pro-

Personnel planning, hiring and retention Postal Service transformation and long-term outlook

Defense Department support infrastructure management Protecting government information systems

Defense Department business systems modernization Defense Department financial management Federal Aviation Administration air traffic control modernization Internal Revenue Service business systems modernization

Housing and Urban Development single-family mortgage insurance, rental housing assistance programs

Defense Department contract management

Defense Department supply-chain management Defense Department weapon system acquisition Energy Department contract management Enforcement of tax laws

Medicare program NASA contract management

Source: The Washington Post

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## IN THE STATES



Condoleezza Rice

# Senate **OKs Rice** for job at State

BY BARRY SCHWEID The Associated Press

WASHINGTON - Condoleezza Rice won easy confirmation Wednesday to be President Bush's new secretary of state, despite strong dissent from a small group of Democrats who said she shares blame for mistakes and

war deaths in Iraq. The Senate voted 85 to 13 to confirm Rice, who succeeds Colin Powell as America's top diplomat and becomes the first black woman to hold the job.

Plans were made for her to be sworn in at the White House on Wednesday night, take her place in the State Department on Thursday morning and have a more elaborate swearing-in by Bush at the agency on Friday

The Senate vote showed some of the partisanship that delayed Rice's confirmation vote by several days. Twelve Democrats and independent James Jeffords of Vermont voted against Rice. Thirty Democrats voted for her.

Democratic foes of her appointment focused mostly on the way Bush and Rice took the United States to war in Iraq and how they have handled the war with insurgents since deposing Saddam Hussein.

They said mistakes had led to mounting American casualties. As the debate drew to a close, word came from Iraq of the crash of a U.S. military transport helicopter in bad weather, killing at least 30 people in the worst U.S. loss since the war. Rice, 50, is Bush's trusted na-

tional security aide and a main architect of his policies on Iraq and the war on terror.

Also Wednesday, a Senate Judiciary Committee divided along partisan lines advanced Alberto Gonzales' nomination as attorney general to the full Senate Wednesday despite Democratic complaints that he is too close to President Bush to be effective as the nation's top law enforcement offi-

# 10 dead in Calif. train derailment

## Police blame accident on 'suicidal' man who left SUV on tracks

BY DAISY NGUYEN The Associated Press

GLENDALE, Calif. - A commuter train smashed into an SUV left on a crossing by a suicidal man early Wednesday, derailed and crashed into another train, authorities said. Ten people were killed and about 200 were in-

The SUV driver changed his mind about suicide and left the vehicle before it was hit, Police Chief Randy Adams said. The man will be charged with homicide, he said.

Cars from both Metrolink trains derailed and some landed on their sides, sending passen-gers tumbling down the aisles, authorities said

"This whole incident was started by a deranged individual that was suicidal." Adams said at a news conference at the scene of mangled railcars in a suburb north of downtown Los Angeles.

"I think his intent at that time was to take his own life but changed his mind prior to the train actually striking this vehicle," the chief said. The man, identified as Juan Manuel Alvarez, 26, of Compton, stood by as the south-



Firefighters examine the wreckage from Wednesday's train derailment in Glendale, Calif. Two Metrolink commuter trains derailed, killing 10 people and injuring about 200 hundred commuters, authorities said.

bound Metrolink train struck his vehicle, derailed and hit the north-

bound train Adams said Alvarez had also tried to slash his wrists, authorities said.

In was the worst rail accident in the United States since March 15, 1999, when an Amtrak train hit a truck and derailed near Bourbonnais, Ill., killing 11 peo-

ple and injuring more than 100. Firefighters picked through twisted wreckage and carried injured passengers from the trains to a triage center set up in a nearby parking lot.

One commuter train was headed from Los Angeles' Union Station to downtown Burbank, and the other was bound to Union Station from Moorpark, Metrolink officials said. The accident happened a little after 6 a.m.

"I heard a noise. It got louder and louder," said passenger Diane Brady, 56, of Simi Valley. 'And next thing I knew the train tilted, everyone was screaming and I held onto a pole for dear life. I held on for what seemed like a week and a half, it seemed. It was a complete nightmare."

In a light rain, firefighters climbed ladders into windows of a battered train tipped onto its

Nearly 300 firefighters were at the scene and 35 ambulances were taking injured passengers to hospitals, officials said.

Dazed passengers, some limp-ing, gathered at tables in a nearby store, while the injured sprawled on color-coded mats in the park-ing lot: red for those with severe injuries, green for those less seriously harmed.

As the cars tumbled off the tracks, one of the Metrolink trains struck a parked Union Pacific car, tipping it onto its side, said Kathryn Blackwell, a railroad spokeswoman in Omaha,

# Survivor: 'Next thing I knew, the train tilted' "I heard a noise. It got louder and louder.

Passengers GLENDALE, Calif. Metrolink Train 100 heard a terrible rumbling. Then the lights suddenly flickered out, the floor tipped at a dangerous angle, and Tracy West went flying.

"I was flipping over people until I landed a couple of feet ahead and hit a cup-holder, arm-rest or something," said West, 38, of Los Angeles. "Then when it was over, I saw that I was bleeding and had bruises all over.

West spoke as she was treated for a severe leg wound at a triage center set up in a parking lot for survivors of Wednesday's train crash. Those who emerged from the trains said

they had no idea what was happening as cars slid awkwardly and commuters who had been

napping tumbled down the aisles. And next thing I knew the train tilted, everyone was screaming and I held onto a pole for

dear life," said Diane Brady, 56, of Simi Valley "I held on for what seemed like a week and a half ... . It was a complete nightmare, like nothing I've experienced in my 61/2 years of taking the Metrolink "

Transportation engineer Paul Konkirati, 28, of Burbank braced himself when the train began sliding, grabbing hold of a bar.

"We hit and then somebody's head landed on my thigh," said Konkirati, his jeans covered in blood as he stood near the scene of the accident. The bleeding woman told him over and over, "I can't move my head."

"I sat there and I tried to comfort her. I didn't know what else to do." Konkirati said. Then it got really smoky, so smoky that I had to leave. I don't know what happened to her.

Hemlata Thomas, 67, of Chatsworth heard the roar of the crash and the screams of passengers around her. "I thought it was an earthquake because of the sound of gravel underneath the train," Thomas said.

Thomas had only started taking the train to

her job at Bank of America downtown six days ago, after friends convinced her that it would be less stressful than driving. She said she is unsure whether she will take the train again.

- Daisy Nguyen

# Rap mogul, drug kingpin surrender in investigation

The Associated Press

NEW YORK - The hip-hop label behind music superstars As hanti and Ja Rule was part of a murderous criminal enterprise that protected its interstate crack and heroin operation with calculated street assassinations, federal authorities charged Wednes-

Label head Irv "Gotti" Lorenzo and his brother Christopher surrendered to the FBI on money-laundering charges Wednesday as federal prosecu-tors unsealed an indictment seeking to confiscate all the assets of their label. Murder Inc.

Their childhood friend, Kenneth "Supreme" McGriff, one of New York's most notorious drug

kingpins, was charged with murder, racketeering and other crimes that prosecutors said were intended to eliminate and intimidate potential witnesses.

He already is in prison on a relatively minor gun charge. Prosecutors believe McGriff

and the Lorenzos funneled hundreds of thousands of dollars in drug profits through The Inc., a -topping label owned partly by Island Def Jam, a Universal Music Group label.

Federal agents began to close in on McGriff and the Lorenzos in recent months with arrests that netted Ja Rule's manager and a bookkeeper for Murder Inc. At least five other defendants, including associates of McGriff, already have been charged.

#### Simultaneous school bus accidents injure 15

BROOKSVILLE, Fla. - Eight children and the driver were injured when a school bus overturned in Hernando County on Wednesday morning, the Florida Highway Patrol said.

The bus with 24 students was bound for Moton Elementary School when it left the road and overturned at about 8:20 a.m., Coggins said. It was unclear why the bus left the road, Coggins said

In Logan, W.Va., at the exact same time, a school bus hit a patch of black ice near a railroad crossing and overturned, causing minor injuries to the bus driver and five children.

#### Obesity suit against McDonald's revived on appeal

NEW YORK - An appeals court revived part of a class-action lawsuit blaming McDonald's for making people fat, reinstating claims per-

suit diaming McDonaid's for making people far, reinstaning claims per-taining to deceptive advertising.

In a statement, Oak Brook, Ill-based McDonald's Corp. said "com-mon sense tells you this particular case makes no sense," adding the ruling "simply delays the inevitable conclusion that this case is without merit "

#### Bush asks GOP to back Social Security reform

WASHINGTON - President Bush publicly prodded Republicans on Wednesday to follow his lead and approve personal accounts under Social Security, conceding some lawmakers are concerned about whether it will be worth the political price. "I think it is," he said.

From wire reports



ANHEUSER-BUSCH/AF

B-to-the-E. Anheuser-Busch's new "brew," is beer infused with caffeine, ginseng, herbal guarana and fruit flavoring

# Beermaker launches new 'brew'

BY JIM SUHR The Associated Press

ST. LOUIS - Going against the grain in courting the young cocktail crowd, beermaker Anheuser-Busch Cos, is launching a new "brew" to go head-to-head with classic mixed drinks — traditional suds spiked with caffeine, fruit flavoring, herbal guarana and gin-

The world's largest brewer's na-B-to-the-E—the "B" standing for beer, the "E" for something "extra" and shown as an expo-nent of B — came as beermakers look to piggyback strides liquor companies have made in luring voung consumers to flavored and

Anheuser-Busch test marketed B-to-the-E from in the fall eventually assessing in 55 U.S. cities whether the new "beer" appealed to 20-something consumers craving something zippy in their high-ly social, fast-paced lifestyles.

"It's producing a lot of excitement for this beer category in that consumers and bartenders are not looking at this as a typical beer," in many cases with B-to-the-E served over ice, said Dawn Roepke, the St. Louis-based brewer's brand man-ager of new-product development. "It's going right up against mixed drinks ' She declined to reveal sales

Slightly sweet but tart and coming in the aromas of blackberry, raspberry and cherry, B-to-the-E is to be marketed toward "active 21- to 27-year-old experimenters looking for new tastes and op-

Anheuser-Busch trumpets itself as the first major brewer to infuse beer with caffeine, ginseng feine-bearing herb used in a popular Brazilian soft drink.

# **Education official pans PBS** cartoon with gay characters

BY BEN FELLER The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — The nation's new education secretary denounced the Public Broadcasting Service for spending public money on a cartoon with lesbian characters, saying many parents would not want children exposed to such lifestyles.

The not-yet-aired episode of "Postcards From Buster" shows the title character, an animated bunny named Buster, on a trip to Vermont - a state known for recognizing same-sex civil unions. The ep isode features two lesbian couples, although the

focus is on farm life and maple sugaring A PBS spokesman said late Tuesday that the nonprofit network has decided not to distribute the epi-sode, called "Sugartime!," to its 349 stations. She said the Education Department's objections were

not a factor in that decision. "Ultimately, our decision was based on the fact that we recognize this is a sensitive issue, and we wanted to make sure that parents had an opportunity to introduce this subject to their children in their own time," said Lea Sloan, vice president of media relations at PBS

However, the Boston public television station that produces the show. WGBH, does plan to make the 'Sugartime!" episode available to other stations WGBH also plans to air the episode on March 23 Sloan said

series through the federal Ready-To-Learn program, one aimed at helping young children learn through television.

Education Secretary Margaret Spellings said the Sugartime!" episode does not fulfill the intent Congress had in mind for programming. By law, she said, any funded shows must give top attention to "research-based educational objectives, content and materials?

"Many parents would not want their young children exposed to the lifestyles portrayed in the episode," Spellings wrote in a letter sent Tuesday to Pat Mitchell, president and chief executive officer of

"Congress' and the Department's purpose in funding this programming certainly was not to introduce this kind of subject matter to children, particularly through the powerful and intimate medium of televi-

She asked PRS to consider refunding the money it spent on the episode

With her letter, Spellings has made criticism of the publicly funded program's depiction of the gay lifestyle one of her first acts as secretary. She began on Monday, replacing Rod Paige as President Bush's education chief

Spellings issued three requests to PBS



Gloria and Bobby Doster stand in their Shoats Grocery & Package country store in Hutchins, Ga. The Dosters said they exchanged gunfire with two men who tried to rob their store. Both men were killed.

## Ga. grocery owners kill armed men in holdup

BY ELIOTT C. MCLAUGHLIN The Associated Press

ATLANTA - When two men walked into a popular country store outside Atlanta, announced a holdup and fired a shot, owners Bobby and Gloria Doster never hesitated. The pair pulled out their own pistols and opened fire. The armed suspect and his part

ner were killed. The Dosters won't be charged, according to local officials, because they were acting in self-defense.

"I just started shooting," said Gloria Doster, 56. "I was trying to blow his brains out is what I was trying to do."

Shoats Grocery & Package near Crawford, 70 miles east of Atlanta, is a well-known spot where locals stop for breakfast biscuits or lunch. Gloria Doster said the two men who came there Monday had something else in mind.

She was rearranging boxes of soda by the store's front door when a man wearing a wig walked inside, the fake hair draped in front of his face.

I asked him, 'Can you see to walk?" Doster said. Then she noticed a second man behind him wearing a mask. He announced a

grabbed Gloria One man Doster and pushed her toward the register. She said the other kept his gun on her 62-vear-old husband, who also goes by the name Shoats

She tried to open the register, but one of the men told her she wasn't moving fast enough and tried to shoot her husband. He missed - and his gun jammed.

At that point, Bobby Doster pulled out a .380-caliber handgun and shot one of the suspects. Gloria Doster then went for a 9 mm pistol she keeps near the register.

"All hell broke loose," she said. "I was trying to shoot and dial 911 at the same time.

Both suspects took cover behind the store's meat counter as the Dosters opened fire. Gloria Doster said she doesn't know how many bullets were fired, or how many times the suspects were hit. Police arrived about five min-

utes after receiving Gloria Doster's call: the suspects died a short time later at a hospital. The bloodshed, nevertheless,

startled Gloria Doster, who has been around guns all her life, and has used them for target shooting. "But I never figured I'd have to use them on anybody," she said. She said the worst thing that's

happened in the seven years the couple has owned the store was an after-hours break-in by teenagers three years ago. The burglars were promptly arrested.

#### City weighs bag tax

SAN FRANCISCO - City officials are considering a proposal to slap a 17-cent surcharge on paper or plastic shopping bags.

While no other U.S. city impos-es a shopping bag tax, such a strategy has been successfully employed in Ireland, South Africa, Bangladesh, Australia, Shanghai and Taiwan.

Environmentalists say plastic bags jam machinery, pollute waterways, suffocate wildlife and often end up as eyesores in trees or bushes. San Francisco shoppers bring home about 50 million bags each year, according to an environmental study.

Grocers, bag manufacturers and trade groups say many peo ple already reuse their plastic bags. Other opponents call the plan an unfair and regressive tax on shoppers.

#### Generic AIDS drug OK'd

NEW YORK - The Food and Drug Administration's approval of a generic and less costly version of a widely used AIDS drug combination is expected to expand AIDS treatment in the developing world.

The FDA backing means relief organizations funded by President Bush's \$15 billion AIDS replan can buy the product made by Aspen Pharmacare, South Africa's largest drug maker.

Tuesday's marks the first time the FDA has approved a generic AIDS product made by a foreign drug company

The FDA approved a generic drug made by Barr Laboratories in December, but Tuesday's announcement is considered a major advancement because the Aspen drug combination is so widely used as a first-line thera-

#### **Grants for homeless**

LOS ANGELES - Thousands of local homeless programs throughout the nation will receive a record \$1.4 billion in Housing and Urban Development grants.

It's the fourth year HUD has provided record funding for homeless assistance. The Bush administration has a stated goal of eradicating chronic homeless-ness, defined as an individual who has been homeless for more than a year, by 2010.

#### Ruling draws protests

DOVER, Del. - A ruling by the Delaware Supreme Court could free nearly 200 inmates serving life terms for murder, rape and kidnapping — a decision that has drawn impassioned protests from victims' families and lawmakers

The court's decision that some life sentences should be considered 45-year terms applies only to life-with-parole sentences handed down for crimes committed before Delaware clarified its sentencing laws in mid-1990.

On Tuesday, the state House unanimously passed a bill declar-ing the ruling "null and void," although lawmakers acknowledged the measure may violate the separation of powers.

The vote came after lawmakers heard pleas from victims' fami-

From The Associated Press

#### 'Spaces' revamp leaves Davis jobless

Struggling to compete with the rise of home makeover shows across network and cable television, TLC's "Trading Spaces" will undergo a facelift. After this spring,

"Spaces" will move to a host-less format, meaning that Paige Davis will

be departing the cast "We believe that this new creative direction will enable the show to be more spontaneous, focus more on the homeowners and designers, and create alternative home trades in different cities and on opposite coasts,'

the network says in a statement. Davis joined "Trading Spaces" in 2001 and has been hosting ever since. It's unclear if TLC's decision to go hostless had anything to do with the pictures of Davis doing a



striptease at a party and the unfounded rumors of a Davis sex tane had anything to do with the decision

#### **HBO** sweeps major producers categories

Premium cable giant HBO dominated Saturday night's Producers Guild of America awards, winning prizes for drama, comedy and long-form programming

The Norman Felton Producer of the Year Award for episodic drama went to HBO's "The Sopranos" and the team of David Chase, Brad Grey, Mitchell Burgess Robin Green, Ilene S. Landress, Terence Winter, Henry Bronchtein, Matthew Weiner and Martin Bruestle. The mob drama, which won its first outstanding drama Emmy last fall, also won the PGA drama award back in

HBO's "Curb Your Enthusiasm" also won its second Danny Thomas Producer of the Year Award for episodic comedy, Larry David, Jeff Garlin, Robert B. Weide and Tim Gibbons were the show's honored producers.

#### Kutcher brings 'Beauty' to the WB

Ashton Kutcher and producing partner Jason Goldberg are making their first foray into network reality pro-duction with The WB's provocatively titled "Beauty and the Geek." The series has recently begun production

kind over-meets-a-competition show. where we pair really intelligent young men, high-IQ Mensa students, with some really attractive women who may not quite have the same caexplains WB Entertainment President David Janollari. On the production side, Kutcher



Kutche

and Goldberg are best known, of course, for the MTV series "Punk'd." Janollari promises that despite the somewhat sketchy premise, the new

series won't be mean-spirited. In the show's premise, the very different men and women are paired up and they're expected to share their strengths to become a well-rounded couple

#### 'Reba' says hello, Dolly

Reba McEntire will be joined on her sitcom by another country-music star later this season when Dolly Parton guest-stars on an episode

The episode, which tapes in mid-February, will be a rare sitcom appearance for Parton; her last such guest spot was on an episode of CBS's short-lived "Bette" in October 2000. She's also appeared on "De-





#### 'What I Like' stages '90210' reunion

The Feb. 25 episode of The WB's "What I Like About You" will briefly reunite "Beverly Hills, 90210" stars Luke Perry and Jennie Garth, which must mean that somewhere out there. Shannen Doherty is storming off in disgust. Perry's appearance leads a list of February sweeps stunts on The WB.

Perry will appear in the episode called "Dangerous Liaisons

# Just a team player

# Kevin Costner is game for a new character (but an old role) in 'The Upside of Anger'

here are three notable differences in Kevin Costner's latest career move big-screen ballplayer:

■ The star of the previous baseball "Bull Durham," "Field of Dreams" and "For Love of the Game" plays a retired ballplayer in the comic drama "The Upside of Anger." which premiered over the weekend at the undance Film Festival.

Costner is a supporting performer to the film's central character. played by Joan Allen.

■ The actor known for such sober dramas as "Dances With Wolves "JFK" and "The Untouchables" playing a good old goofball, a big-hearted meathead with a dop laugh, a chronic marijuana buzz and a long-neck beer bottle perpetually in

When writer-director Mike Bind-er's script for "The Upside of Anger" came his way, Costner had a moment's hesitation about doing another hallplayer.

"But listen, I'm not that timid about, 'Ooh, what are people going to think?' "Costner said in an interview with The Associated Press "I didn't think 'Field of Dreams' had anything to do with 'For Love of the Game.' I didn't think that 'Love of the Game' had anything to do with 'Bull Durham.' And I didn't do any of them because they were baseball

"When I saw this, I thought the not-careful journalists will write, 'Oh, another baseball movie.' But I did this because he was an interesting charac-

Opening theatrically in March, "The Upside of Anger" stars Allen as a woman with four daughters (Erika Christensen, Evan Rachel Wood, Keri Russell and Alicia Witt) who turns boozy and caustically bitter after her husband pulls a vanishing act.

Costner plays Allen's laid-back neighbor, a former baseball star who becomes her drinking buddy and eventually tumbles into an uneasy relation ship as her lover and referee for the

woman's snats with her daughters Allen said it was refreshing for Cost-

ner to cut loose in a jollier role "I thought it would be fun to see him play something like that," Allen "We referred to him as a big teddy bear all the time. He was just re ally loyable and sweet and kind of goofy among all these women

Binder, also co-starring as a lecherous pal who produces a radio talk show hosted by Costner's character, wrote the script with Allen in mind. The two had become chummy on the set of Allen's political drama "The Contender," in which Binder co-starred.

But it was Costner's star power that ecured financing for the film. Costner, an Academy Award winner for best picture and director on "Dances With Wolves," never tried to muscle in on the production, though, said Binder, who wrote and starred in the HBO series "The Mind of the Married



Kevin Costner, star of the film "The Upside of Anger," poses at the Sundance Film Festival in Park City, Utah, where the comic drama premiered

"He was the driving force behind getting the movie greenlighted, but he never used that power, which I re-spected," Binder said. "He was always one of the ensemble, one of the players. Never pulled rank. He never came to my editing room, never wanted me to recut anything. He truly was just a player and a supportive guy.

One of Hollywood's biggest box-office draws in the late 1980s and early '90s with "Field of Dreams," "Dances With Wolves" and "Robin Hood: Prince of Thieves." Costner has had fitful results with his movies over the

Last summer's Western "Open Range," which Costner directed and starred in, and the golf romance "Tin Cup" were modest successes.

But his acclaimed political drama "Thirteen Days" failed to find an audience, and he had flops with such movies as the supernatural thriller "Dragonfly" and the heist flick "3000 Miles to Graceland.

Costner, who turned 50 this month,

said studio pressures to boost the films' commercial prospects undermined some of his big-budgeted mov-

"I think some of the movies haven't lived up to what they should have been." Costner said. "When they're not done for a lot of money, sometimes you get a clearer voice, one single voice, about what the movie's to be about. And some of the movies for me that have not performed as well as I thought they could have. I think was because too many voices enter into

Costner said he feels no career pressure to deliver another breakout hit. saying his films have been profitable enough between theatrical and home-video revenues.

'I know what my movies do economically. I, like everybody else, understand what they do on opening week-end," Costner said. "The economic life of my movies, I'm really comfortable with what happens to them when they go out there, and so are the stu-

Stories and photos from wire services

# Premium air best saved for NASCAR

Dear Tom and Ray

I recently heard about filling tires with nitrogen gas to maintain pressure and lengthen tread life. Since the air we breathe is 78 percent nitrogen,

to nitrogen. The creators of

this are selling it as a safety

issue I'd hate to be scammed

into paying for premium air.

I'm seeing Starbucks-style gas-

oline boutiques in our near fu-

ture. What do you guys think?

TOM: My first thought is, I'm

RAY: Like many sales pitch-

es, the nitrogen idea has a mole-

cule of truth in it. You're right

that normal atmospheric air is

about 80 percent nitrogen al-

ready. The rest is made up of ox-

ygen, argon, water vapor, cat

dander, bad breath and

coal-plant particulates. And the

truth is, atmospheric air is abso-

lutely good enough for filling

TOM: Pure nitrogen has a

couple of advantages. One is

that it expands and contracts

less under hot and cold tempera-

tures than a mixture of nitro

putting all my money into Air-

I fail to see how much benefit you actually get from changing from air

hucks!

your tires

## **Click and Clack**

om and Ray Magliozzi

gen, oxygen and water vapue That can be an advantage if you're in, say, a race car driving at 200 mph around a track for 500 miles — where tiny differences in tire pressure and handling can really matter.

RAY: Nitrogen also
doesn't support comlike oxygen does So

bustion like oxygen does. So it's unlikely to fuel a fire started in some other part of the car if a tire explodes. Of course, there's already plenty of combustible air all around the car, regardless of what's in the

TOM: And finally, both the oxygen and the small percentage of moisture in the atmospheric air can contribute to degradation of the inside of your tires and wheels. But think about it: The outsides are exposed to the air all the time, so what are you worried about the insides for?

RAY: So, none of these advantages is important to the average driver. They just don't matter enough to ever think about. And they certainly don't matter enough to pay for, Rob.

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# Tips for retiring in 10 years

BY ROBERT POWELL
CBS MarketWatch com

BOSTON — People expecting to retire in 10 years are frequently behind the eight ball.

Few, say surveys and pundits, have saved enough money to kick back in 2015 and enjoy a life of leisure. But you don't have to be a procrastinator, sprinting to retirement and hoping against hope to have enough money for cruises and grandchildren.

To be sure, it won't be easy. Indeed, only half of households with income between \$\$50,000 to \$99,000 have adequate retirement savings, according to one survey. Here's what experts say you have to do to reach your good. 1. Plan, plan, and plan: If you

haven't done so already, it's time to start planning. Cynthia Egan. director of the Retirement Services business unit of Fidelity Personal Investments, agrees that having a plan in place is critical in the home stretch to retirement. 'A good plan will give a realistic assessment of what you need, where you are, and what you should be doing to maximize those last 10 years of employment and saving," she says. "A good plan will make sure you are tak-ing full advantage of any corporate benefits, tax-advantaged vehicles like 401(k)s, IRAs and 529s and that you are realistic about retirement dates and how long your money needs to last.'

2. Crunch the numbers: If you haven't done so, sit down and crunch the numbers using realistic assumptions to see if your retirement goal is reasonable, says

Rande Spiegelman of Charles Schwab. "It's better to know now whether your goal is reasonable or not." Spiegelman says his reality check involves the following three steps:

Expenses: How much will you spend in retirement? To be safe, figure you'll need as much in retirement as you did before retirement; some expenses may go away, others may take their place. Remember to factor in inflation.

Nest Egg: How big of a portfoliod to you need to support your is pending goal? To have a high probability that you'll sustain your lifestyle, adjusted for inflation over a 30-year time horizon, you should target a portfolio roughly equal to 25 times your

first-year withdrawal amount.

Savings: How much do you need to save to achieve your objective? Take into account what you've already saved, what you expect to earn on your investments, and calculate what you need to save between now and your target retirement date.

3. Expect the unexpected: It's easy, in some ways, to project future streams of income from pensions, annuities, Social Security, investment income and retirement plan income. It's even easy to determine what your expenses might be. The hard part is planning for those unexpected expensions.

4. Save more: No matter how much you've set aide, or how much it may grow to, or how much your employer or Social Security will provide, save more, says Steve Leimberg, author of "Tools and Techniques of Financial Planning."

"Use these last few years to save and invest every additional nickel you can," he adds, "because two things are virtually certain: Your money will not earn what it was projected to earn after taxes just a few years ago, and food, clothing, shelter and life-style will cost more than you expected or projected." Indeed, a cup of coffee that now costs \$1.50 will cost \$3.64 if inflation remains at 3 percent per year. But if inflation doubles to 6 percent, that cup of coffee will cost \$8.62.

5. Use tax-deferred savings vehicles. There's nothing quite like tax-deferred savings accounts, says Ed Slott, author of "The Retirement Savings Time Bomb and Form of the Retirement Savings Time Bomb and Put away as much as possible in your 401(8) and Roth IRA, if you can do both. "Your last 10 years are probably your biggest earning years," he says. "Now is the region of the property of the same property of the property of th

6. Get smart. One-third of current retirees say they wish they'd educated themselves about different retirement savings options, according to Allstate's "Retirement Reality Check." What's more, 1 in 5 seniors who admit to being unprepared for retirement say their biggest concern was that they didn't understand investing.

7. Get evide. Everyone h. min or her own distinct goals, risk tolerance and existing savings, says Scott Budde, a TIAA-CREF managing director of investment managinement. Even among a particular age group these factors can yereafly "So we find that army greatly "So we find that particular person," be says. His suggestion: Seek personalized advice tailored to your specific situation.

#### TUESDAY'S MARKET SUMMARY

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EMC Cp	418060	12.48	36	SemiHTr	319785	30.23	+.54	Intel	941395	22.26	+.27
Pfizer	320120	24.59	+.33	iShRs2000		120,90	+.27	Cisco	749640	17.51	24
Beverly	299263	11.77	+2.39	DJIA Diam		104.56	+.81	SiriusS	716336	6.24	+.15
GenElec	215831	35.70	+.44	iShJapan	74121	10.52	08	Microsoft	669993	26.02	+.35
NortelN If	189123	3.04	06	OilSvHT	44631	87.52	01	Oracle	482551	13.59	+.35
Texinst	184459	21.12	+.35	WheatR g	30879	3.19	12	ApidMati	421684	15.65	+.48
Motorola	148930	15.35	+.06	SP Fnd	26143	29.57	+.02	Aastrom	362989	3.60	+.37
TimeWarn	139884	18.26	16	GoldStr a	25345	3.66	33	eBay	328960	80.04	-2.33
NokiaCp	133143	14.02	+.10	IvaxCp s	23155	14.75	+,44	SunMicro	299360	4.14	+.05

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KEY DEFENSE STOCKS

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Name	NAV	Chg.	*
Fidelity Invest: Grainc	37.05	+.10	
Fidelity Invest: GroCo	52.22	+.27	
Amer Century Inv: Ultra	28.07	+.12	
Fidelity Spartan: Eqldx	41.35	+.17	
Putnam Funds A: GrinA p	18.80	+.08	
Fidelity Invest: A Mgr	15.92	+.02	
Frank/Temp Frnk A: SMCpGrA	32.51		
AIM Investments A: Const p	21.77	+.12	
Fidelity Invest: USBI Fidelity Invest: Ovrsea	11.15 33.75	02	
Fidelity Mivisor T: GrOopT	29.28	+.15	
Fidelity Advisor T: Gruppi Fidelity Advisor T: EdinT	27.37	+.10	
Scudder Funds S: GroincS	21.14	+.08	
Putnam Funds A: GibEoty p	8.16	+.01	
AIM Investments A: ChartA p	12.40	+.04	
AIM Investments A: WeingA p	12.48	+.05	
Merrill Lynch I: BalCapl	26.21	1,25	
Scudder Funds S: Intl FdS	42.69	10	
Fidelity Advisor T: OvrseaT	16.94	03	
Lord Abbett A: DevGtA p	14.74	+.10	
Scudder Funds S: Income S	13.01	02	
Merrill Lynch I: USGytMto	10.30	01	
Scudder Funds S: Devel	18.91	+.06	
Putnam Funds A: GlGvA p	13.02	07	

#### EXCHANGE RATES

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South Korean won (Jan. 26)1.005.00
Euro costs (Jan. 26)\$1.3392
Dollar buys (Jan. 26)€0,7467
British pound (Jan. 26)\$1.93
Commercial rates
Bahrain (Dinar)0.377
British pound\$1.8636
Canada (Dollar)1.2373
Denmark (Krone)5.71
Euro\$1,2962/0,7715
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Iceland (Krona)
Israel (Shekel)4.3898
Japan (Yen)104.23
Kuwait (Dinar)0.2919
Norway (Krone)6.3011
Philippines (Peso)55.33
Saudi Arabia (Riyal)
Singapore (Dollar)1.6408
South Korea (Won)1,030.90 Switzerland (Franc)1.1951
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Thailand (Baht)
Turkey (New Lira)1.4045
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#### bank rates provided for reference whe buying currency. All figures are foreig currencies to one dollar, except for the British pound, which is represented in dollars-to-pound, and the euro, which is dollars-to-euro.) PRECIOUS METALS

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#### INTEREST RATES

Prime rate	5.2
Discount rate	3.2
Federal funds market rate	
3-month bill	
30-year bond	4.6
Sources: The Associated Press,	Bank o

# Cents and Sensibility Money tip of the day

# Be pro when leaving job

By Marshall Loeb

NEW YORK — Leaving your job can be stressful, whether you're moving on by choice or if you've been fired or downsized.

Even though emotions may be running high, now isn't the time to let them overwhelm you, writes M. Rose Jonas in her new book, "Can I Lie on My Resume?" Put your best face forward, even if you're angry, scared or excited about leaving.

■ Don't slack off on work during the final days. Do what you need to prepare for your new job, but don't ignore the one you're wrapping up.

Leaving lots of unfinished projects and other tasks gives employers and co-workers a less-than-stellar final impression of you. For long-term or multistage projects, make sure whoever picks up your portion of the work will see a smooth transition.

■ Keep your bridges intact. Even though your last days in a workplace may seem like the perfect time to tell off a snotty co-worker or really let the boss have it... don't. You never know when you might encounter these people again on your career path. They might eventually be in a position to recommend you for a job or even hire you again, so don't blow it now.

■Be kind to your replacement. If you are expected to stay on for a period of time to train a new person, don't give in to ferings of resentment about being replaced, or to worries that this new person will do your job better. Make sure he or she is prepared to do your job well.

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6	AFN-P	•ESPNews	Pacific Report	King of the Hill "Talking Shop" Bob- by tries to meet girls. (CC)	That '70s Show Taking Brooke to the hospital. (CC)	Wife Swap 'Donah pered Southern bel ing mother of six sv	le and a dairy-farm-	The Apprentice (C	C)	Pacific Report	The Tonight Show	With Jay Leno (CC)	Late Show With David Letterman (CC)
7	AFN-ATL	(5:46) Oprah Win- frey (CC)	(:35) Guiding Light	(CC)	(:17) General Hos- pital (CC)	Headline News	Judge Judy (CC)	Today (CC)				Teacher's Pet (EI)	What's New Scoo- by-Doo?
8	NEWS	Hardball With Chris	Matthews	The O'Reilly Facto		Primetime Thursda	ay (CC)	Fox and Friends		Fox and Friends		American Morning	j-,
9	SPORTS	•(5:00) PGA Golf E Classic First Rour		•Tennis Australian From Melbourne, Au	Open Highlights.	SportsCenter		College Basketba	all Washington at Aria	zona. (Taped)		College Basketba nia. (Taped)	III Oregon at Califor
10	SPEC	The Simpsons "Days of Wine and D'Oh'Ses"	Everybody Loves Raymond Financial disclosure.	The Amazing Race		Boston Public "Ch tragedy leaves a te (CC)	apter Forty-Four" A acher in dire straits.	Meet the Pandas: Power Couple	Washington's New	Friends Rachel must choose an as- sistant. (CC)	Seinfeld Jerry's girlfriend is a masseuse. (CC)	The Daily Show With Jon Stewart (CC)	Blind Date (CC)
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24	PBS	Dragon Tales Zak and Wheezie learn to swim. (EI)	Zoom (EI) (CC) (DVS)	The NewsHour Wit	h Jim Lehrer (N)	Washington Week (N) (CC)	Wall Street Week With Fortune (N)	NOW (N) (CC)	Tucker Carlson: Unfiltered (N) (CC)	Journal Editorial Report (N) (CC)	Tavis Smiley John Travolta. (N) (CC)	Charlie Rose Clint	Eastwood. (N) (CC)
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27	A&E	City Confidential P Lyon results in a life band, Richard. (CC)	bisoning of Nancy	American Justice who served 11 year not commit. (CC)	Lying Eyes" A man	*** "Clear and F		94, Drama) Harrison	Ford, Willem Dafoe,	Anne Archer, Jack Ry	yan battles Colom-	American Justice Los Angeles model	A Model Murder' A
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30	CNN-I	Lou Dobbs Tonight		CNN Daybreak				American Morning	(CC)				
31	GOLF	•European PGA Golf	Inside the PGA Tour	Golf Central	Big Break II		•European PGA G	iolf Caltex Masters	Second Round, Fron	m Singapore.	Golf Central	<ul> <li>European PGA G</li> <li>Second Round, Fro</li> </ul>	m Singapore.
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34	TOON	Foster's Home for			Teen Titans	Powerpuff Girls!	Cartoon Cartoon (		Looney Tunes	I Am Weasel	Sheep in the Big City	Detective Squad	
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36	сом	Comedy Central Presents Frank Caliendo. (CC)	Comedy Central Presents Comic Demetri Martin.	Comedy Central Presents "Jimmy Carr" Jimmy Carr.	Premium Blend Lowell Sanders; Nathan Trebholm.	Comedy Central Presents Comic Brian Regan. (CC)	Comedy Central Presents Scott Kennedy. (CC)	South Park Kids set up to get chick- enpox. (CC)	Crank Yankers Cammie needs a sturdy bed. (CC)	Shorties Watchin' Shorties Dane Cook. (CC)	Insomniac With Dave Attell "Las Vegas" (CC)	Mad TV Brian McFa (CC)	-
40	NGC-A	The World's Greate		Snake Wranglers "Copperhead Can- nibals"	Croc Chronicles "Lizard Kings"	Spain Wild! Culture dalusia.		Nanga Parbat: The		nauts who man the Station.	ision 105 The astro- International Space	Seconds From Dis Eschede" German t	rain wreck.
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43	FOX		shift. (CC)	The Simpsons "Homie the Clown" (CC)	Seinfeld A base- ball hero falls for Elaine. (CC)	The Bernie Mac Show "My Privacy" (N)	The Bernie Mac Show Benita's wedding. (N)	Jonny Zero "Pilot" from prison and hel napped girl. (N) (CC	ps locate a kid- )	News		The Simpsons Bart and the family go to Australia.	Seinfeld Jerry's g sees George naked. (CC)
44	BET	(5:00) ** "Boiling ma) Wesley Snipes.	Premiere.	Club Comic View J Schwartz.		BET Nightly News (CC)		Access Granted "The Game"	Testimony	Club Comic View F		BET Late	
46	COURT	"Las Vegas Special"	Body of Evidence: From the Case Files	Cops Sentencing in a remote Alaskan village. (CC)	Cops Armed man threatens Alaskan community. (CC)	The Investigators based on their voice handwriting sample	e analyses and	Forensic Files The murder of Artie Mitchell.	Forensic Files A newlywed is found dead.	Forensic Files Rape-murder con- viction eyed.	I, Detective	Dominick Dunne: I Justice 'Woodward 'The Two Mrs. Gren	"The truth behind villes."
48	STR-WLD		The Drew Carey Show (CC)	Star News Focus Asia	Friends (CC)	TNA Wrestling		Totally Outra- geous Behavior (CC)	Weird TV	Ultimate Force		Friends (CC)	Totally Outra- geous Behavior (CC)
50	LIFE	tney Irvin. Children e	urs" (2000, Romano engineer a reunion be	etween their divorced	parents. (CC)	Merge (CC)		What Should You I		The Division "Skips and Magda rush to	find a burglar. (CC)	Suddenly Susan Susan's new ro- mance. (CC)	Paid Program
51	ABCFAM	(5:00) "The Miracle Drama) Hallie Kate Elliott, David Stratha	Eisenberg, Alison eirn. (CC)	Anyway? "Sound Effects." (CC)	Whose Line Is It Anyway? "Sound Effects." (CC)	The 700 Club (CC)		Paid Program	Paid Program	Paid Program	Paid Program	The 700 Club (CC)	
53	HIST	er. (CC)	World War II G.I. (CC)	Modern Marvels 'B Airmen man the B-1	7's belly guns. (CC)	Battlefield Detection	as fighters. (CC)	nical abilities of the		new rocket launch- er. (CC)	World War II G.I. (CC)	Modern Marvels "E Airmen man the B-1	17's belly guns. (CC
57	STR-MV	(5:40) "Hope Ranci Bruce Boxleitner. A troubled youths how	rancher teaches to be cowboys.	Burns, Tony Shalhoi live.		oman learns she has	only a few days to	*s "Swimfan" (20) Christensen, Shiri A tryst with a new cla		earns to regret his	Carlyle, Jeremy Day fort to his menu.	us" (1999, Horror) Gi vies. A cannibal adds	soldiers at a remot
58	ADV 1		Game for It	Total Adventure "Paragliding Nepal" (CC)	•Adventure Challe		•Lost	In	Game for It	High Peak Rescue		Next Wave New species of toads and frogs.	Total Adventure "Caving Socotra" (CC)
59	MTV	Viva La Bam	Viva La Bam Civil War cannonball.	The Osbournes Sharon gets DMX to her show.	The Osbournes Ozzy loses a dia- mond pinky ring.	The Osbournes Ozzy has an ATV accident.	The Osbournes The family supports Ozzy.	The Osbournes Kelly boycotts the shower.	The Osbournes Ozzy visits the gro- cery store.	The Osbournes Ozzy gets sick of Colin's bullying.	The Osbournes	The Osbournes	The Osbournes Fleas invade the Osbourne home.
60	NICK	Hey Arnold! Grandpa trains for checkers. (CC)	Rugrats "Club Fred" Vacation. (CC)	The Adventures of Jimmy Neutron: Boy Genius	The Fairly Odd- Parents Timmy's baseball wish.	Danny Phantom A coed becomes a ghost hunter. (CC)	My Life as a Teenage Robot (CC)	SpongeBob SquarePants Bob gets embarrassed.	The Fairly Odd- Parents Trading places. (CC)	Full House Joey thinks he's not needed. (CC)	Full House Jesse totals Danny's prized car. (CC)	The Fresh Prince of Bel-Air Carlton's obsession.	The Cosby Show Theo gets in trou- ble with Justine.

#### JAPAN TV

Morning 7:30 Disney (12) Afternoon 5:50 News (6)

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2:10 Haven (1 of 2(1))
2:30 U.S. Movie (1987): Three Men and A
2-40 GS Documentary (6)

Baby (1:58)(8) 2:40 CBS Documentary (6) 3:10 U.S. Movie (1983): Class (1:50)(12)

JAPAN TV-BS7

6:15 World News 7:15 World News 8:15 World News 9:15 World News Hour 10:10 BS Documentary: Gadhafi's Female Bodyguards (r) 11:15 CNN News

Afternoon 12:15 ABC News 12:35 PGA Tour Golf Lesson (10) 2:15 PBS NewsHour 3:15 CNN News 4:15 World News Hour 5:15 Asian News

S:15 Asian News Evening 6:15 CNN News 7:15 News Today: Asia 8:15 News Today: World 9:15 Economic News 10:10 World Reports 11:15 Figure Skatling GP Series 2004: Best se-lection (1): Pairs lection (1): Pairs 12:10 Figure Skating GP Series 2004: Best se-lection (2): Ice Dancing 1:10 PGA Golf: Buick Invitational — Final Round Highlights Round Highlights 2:15 Asian News 3:35 World Amazing Sports 4:15 Asian News 5:10 World News Hour

#### JAPAN TV-BS11

Morning
9:30 Aerobics
10:00 Classical Music: NHK Symphony Orchestra Concert (conductor: Stefan
Sanderling)
Afternoon
3:00 U.S. Movie (1970): The Cheyenne Social
Club (1:45)

4-45 Wondferful Nature
Evening
7-00 NHK News
8:00 U.S. Movie (1953): The Birds (2:05)
8:00 U.S. Movie (1953): The Birds (2:05)
9:230 Classical Music: Zurich Opera House
7:00 M Size Thursday

Ballet/Barbara Hendricks Sings "Garsh-

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Morning 9:30 U.S. Movie (2003): The Italian Job (1:54) 11:30 TV Series: Friends The Final #223 Afternoon 12:00 TV Series: Third Watch 5:20 Australian Open Tennis, 12th Day

Evening 10:00 U.S. Movie (2001): Dark Blue (2:00) 12:00 TV Series: Friends 12:30 TV Series: Friends

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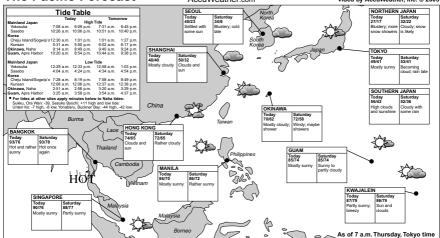
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3:00 Fresh 3:30 After Hours

#### The Pacific Forecast

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#### **Extended Forecasts**

Sunday: Partly sunny, high 46, low 29. Monday: Partly sunny, high 41, low 26.

#### KADENA

high 58, low 50.

Sunday: Periods of clouds and high 64, low 52. Monday: Showers

#### SEOUL

high 20, low 1. Monday: Partly sunny, high 16, low -1.

Sunday: Mostly sunny,

Sunday: Periods of clouds and high 84, low 72. Monday: Partly sunny high 86, low 72.

#### HAGATNA

high 85, low 74.

Sunday: Periods of clouds and high 85, low 74. Monday: Partly sunny

#### Wednesday's USA Temperatures

CITY	HIGH/LOW	CITY	HIGH/I OW
Albuquerque	50/38	Los Angeles	65/52
Amarillo	58/33	Little Rock	68/34
Anchorage	28/15	Louisville	46/21
Asheville	58/32	Miami	76/59
Baltimore	49/17	Milwaukee	26/9
Birmingham	67/36	Nashville	56/26
Bismarck	18/6	New York	37/13
Boise	42/32	Omaha	35/17
Boston	29/9	Orlando	74/54
Brownsville	84/64	Philadelphia	40/16
Buffalo	20/2	Phoenix	64/55
Burlington	10/-8	Pittsburgh	41/10
Charleston, SC	70/46	Portland, OR	54/42
Charlotte	67/36	Portland, ME	17/0
Cleveland	36/10	Salt Lake City	42/31
Columbus, OH	39/14	St. Louis	44/21
Duluth	13/-3	San Antonio	83/52
El Paso	56/44	San Diego	64/54
Hartford	27/8	San Juan	79/70
Helena	41/20	Tampa	73/59
Indianapolis	37/15	Tulsa	59/29
Jacksonville	74/50	Washington	46/24
Kansas City	42/19	Wichita	51/27



#### U.S. Extended Forecast

Pacific moisture will produce rain and mountain snow in California, as well as Oregon and Washington Friday. Meanwhile, a disturbance in the jet stream will lead to rainy conditions across Texas and the Gulf Coast states. Showers will also wet parts of Florida. A large area of high pressure over the Northeast will produce sunny but bitterly cold weather from Maine southward to the Carolinas. Temperatures will turn somewhat milder across the Midwest. Over the weekend, moisture will spread into the Carolinas and the Tennessee Valley. Rain may be mixed with ice across parts of the region. The Northeast will remain dry but cold. Wet weather will continue to plague the southern Plains.

#### Friday's Pacific Temperatures

#### Friday's World Temperatures

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CITY	HIGH/LOW	CITY	HIGH/LOW	CITY	HIGH/LOW	CITY	HIGH/LOW	CITY	HIGH/LOW	CITY	HIGH/LOW	CITY	HIGH/LOW		
Bangkok	93/76	lwakuni	53/41	Sasebo NB	56/44	Acapulco	88/71	Budapest	29/12	Kabul	31/8	Nairobi	83/52		
Beijing	42/19	Kadena AB	70/62	Sapporo	27/17	Athens	52/50	Buenos Aires	91/70	Kiev	21/7	New Delhi	69/40		
Camp Casey	41/24	Kunsan AB	44/34	Seoul	40/23	Auckland	71/58	Cairo	84/65	Kuwait	66/45	Oslo	30/18		
Christchurch	77/56	Kwajalein	87/79	Shanghai	48/40	Baghdad	65/44	Cancun	80/67	London	43/37	Paris	33/25		
Diego Garcia	86/77	Manila	86/70	Singapore	90/76	Barbados	87/71	Cape Town	74/55	Madrid	38/28	Rio de Janei	ro 72/62		
Hagatna	85/74	Misawa AB	34/26	Sydney	77/64	Barcelona	36/27	Geneva	31/17	Mexico City	70/45	Rome	37/21		
Hanoi	81/70	Osan	43/25	Taegu	51/35	Berlin	25/16	Istanbul	47/36	Montreal	7/6	St. Petersbur	a 10/5		
Hong Kong	74/65	Perth	85/64	Taipei	75/64	Bermuda	56/42	Jerusalem	72/54	Mogadishu	92/76	Stockholm	23/14		
Honolulu	81/66	Pusan	50/38	Tokyo	49/41	Proceeds	26/25	lohannochum	95/65	Moscow	10/17	Marcow	20/4		



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#### Stabilizing the school

PA HERSHEY — The Hershey School Trust board has restructured itself in what its chairman said was an effort to stabilize school operations and help the school expand.

Among other changes, the board chairman serves three years now, instead of two, and there is a succession plan for board leader-

ship. Chairman Anthony J. Colistra said shorter terms and frequent turnovers in administration leads to instability.

But Ric Fouad, a former alumni

But Ric Fouad, a former alumni association board member and now a lawyer for the association, sees other motives behind the

"All they have done is entrench themselves and extend their own terms beyond what their bylaws permit while labeling it a reorganization," Fouad said.

#### Horse on the highway

HOUSTON—A police officer who struck a runaway horse on a freeway was critically injured, authorities say.

Several other motorists struck the horse's carcass on Interstate 45 before police could shut down the freeway's northbound lanes.

The injured officer, who was off-duty and driving a personal vehicle, managed to pull over to the side of the freeway after the collision, but the top of his car was sheared off by the impact, said David Gutierrez, a Houston Police Department accident investigator.

Department accident investigator. He said the horse was running southbound in the northbound lanes of I-45, just north of the Interstate-610 loop, when the first collision occurred.

#### Mayor under fire

DETROIT — With his city teetering above a financial abyss, Mayor Kwame Kilpatrick went before television viewers this month and delivered some grave news: He had no choice but to lay off nearly 700 city workers and cut services. This was no time for wanton spending, he said.

Days later, Kilpatrick found his own spending under attack when a local television station reported that the city just signed a \$25,000 lease for a Lincoln Navigator for Kilpatrick's wife — a fact the mayor at first denied but eventually confirmed.

The Navigator story snowballed after Kilpatrick's bodyguard shoved a TV reporter against a wall. It was just the latest in a series of allegations that the 34-year-old former college football player has used city resources to enhance his personal life.

Kilpatrick, a first-term mayor facing an election this year, has won praise for his willingness to confront the city's \$230 million shortfall in next year's budget.

#### **Earth-friendly dams**

MANCHESTER — The Public Service Company of New Hampshire is hoping to renew its license to operate powergenerating dams on the Merrimack River.

That may mean making the dams more environmentally friendly. The company's 25-year license to operate dams in Manchester, Bow and Hooksett expires at the end of this year.

As part of its application, the



company is proposing to allow the river to run more freely at the Amoskeag dam. Right now, water is held behind the dam then fed through to generate electricity during the day.

#### Suspect walks out

ORLANDO — A murder suspect who was inadvertently allowed to leave police headquarters more than a week ago has turned himself in, authorities said.

Taveress Webster, 18, was arrested Jan. 13 in a fatal shooting during a home invasion last July, then interviewed by homicide investigators. But a "breakdown in communication" allowed Webster to leave the building after the interview

"We do a good, very good job on our investigations. We are diligent with them. This was a mistake that slipped through the cracks," Orlando police spokesman Brian Gilliam said

#### Recognizing natives

HONOLULU — Sen. Daniel Akaka plans to reintroduce the so-called Akaka bill, which would allow Native Hawaiians to seek federal recognition.

Akaka, D-Hawaii, said he wanted to introduce the Native Hawaiian Government Reorganization Act, while Rep. Neil Abercrombie, D-Hawaii, would introduce the



On the up and up

A construction worker from Miron
Construction Co. Inc. climbs the
stairs in the new city parking garage in downtown Green Bay, Wis.

measure in the House.
The bill would establish an office in the Department of the Interior to address Native Hawaiian issues and to create an interagency group composed of representatives of federal agencies that currently administer programs and policies affecting Hawai-

In effect, the federal government would recognize Hawaiians as a native population, as it already does American Indians and Native Alaskans.

#### Guard charged with rape

NY SLATE HILL — A 33-yearold school security guard faces charges for a sexual relationship state police say he had with a female student starting when she was 14.

Bruce Etheridge of Warwick was charged with third-degree rape, third-degree sodomy, thirddegree sexual abuse, endangering the welfare of a child and forcible touching.

The Minisink Valley Central

The Minisink Valley Central School District fired Etheridge, Superintendent Martha Murray said. He was employed for nine years at the school in Slate Hill, 57 miles north of New York City.

#### Smoking out tobacco

WY CHEYENNE — The state Department of Health is planning a week dedicated to ending smokeless tobacco addiction, officials said. Wyoming has more chewing tobacco users per capita than any state besides West Virginia. Through With Chew Week will take place Feb. 13-19.

#### Jury duty pays off

MA BOSTON — Edward H. Walsh was hanging out with friends on a South Boston beach in 1978 when he made a gesture with his hand, his high school class ring flew off and got lost in the sand.

He looked for it, but never expected to see it again.

Walsh, Don Bosco Tech class of 1978, grew up, and got married to another man shortly after gay marriage became legal in Massachu-

setts.

His husband, Kevin Kennedy, was serving as a foreman on a civil jury in Boston last month when he got talking to a 65-year-old woman from South Boston who happened to be an inveterate beach comber.

The woman, Mary Maberry, happened to mention some of the things she had found on the beach over the years, including a 1978 class ring she found last spring carved with the initials EWH inside from the now closed high school.

Maberry, a retired nurse, had tried to find the owner of the ring, but had not been able to locate a 1978 Don Bosco yearbook.

Kennedy mentioned in passing that his husband graduated from Don Bosco in 1978, and he would ask if he had a yearbook for that year.

Maberry, out of curiosity, had Kennedy write down his husband's initials. She returned to the Suffolk County courthouse the next day and

gave the ring to Kennedy, who had no idea Walsh had even lost a class ring. Maberry suggested giving Walsh the ring back on Christmas, which Kennedy did. "I was slack-jawed," said Walsh,

44. "It's my ring."



Running by moonlight Ajogger is silhouetted in the full moon while running along the Walnut Street bridge in Chattanooga, Tenn.



Just fishin' Andrew Moreno, 10, tries his fishing luck at Young Park in Las Cruces. N.M.



I feel pretty Sally Beckman, right, a stylist with Rejeuvine Medspa of Centralia, III, Lends to details in Deanna Downeris hairstyle at Bridal Expc-Year 2005, at the Centralia Recreation Complex. Beckman was working during the bridal fairs popular style show, which featured clothing for children, men, women and brides-to-be.

Heating things up ville, Fla., shortly after sunrise.

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With the air temperature in the 20s, swimmers do laps through the fog created by the warm 84-degree water of the Bolles School pool in Jackson-



Walk on the cold side Joan Lintault, left, and Elaine Blythe walk with Taro, Lintault's dog, on a road through a windswept field on the Mohonk Preserve in New



Swing time
Hayley Aliperto, 4, swings at
Gibson Park in Great Falls, Mont.
While the eastern United States
digs out from a blizzard, the Nation
al Weather Service was predicting
record heat in Great Falls, Mont.



Rattling their nerves

Mary Ann Yarbrough, aka the Snake Lady, travels around to schools, giving talks about snakes common to the state of Alabama. Here she shows off a rattlesnake to students at Isabela Elementary School in Maplesville, Ala.

#### Richmond police chief

VA RICHMOND — Rodney David Monroe, police chief of Macon, Ga., will take the same job in Richmond, Va., city officials announced.

Monroe, 47, was introduced at a news conference at police headquarters and will begin overseeing the department of 628 police officers in two to three weeks.

Virginia's capital city has been plagued by drug crime and has had nearly 100 murders a year recently.

#### Vandals halt classes

JERICHO — Vandals disconnected buses from heaters, tampered with some of the vehicles' engines and threw water at their doors to freeze them shut, forcing schools in five towns to close for the day.

"State police are involved. We are calling Crime Stoppers. We are discussing a reward. This is not something we're going to be taking lightly," said Bob Magee, the transportation supervisor for the Chittenden East Supervisory Union school district.

#### Leader leaves NAACP

WA SEATTLE — Carl B. Mack, known for forceful, outspoken candor as president of the Seattle-King County chapter of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, has been named executive director of the National Society of Black Engineers

Mack, 42, was chosen by a search committee to succeed Michele Lezama, according to a news release issued by the engineers group in Alexandria, Va., one of the largest student-run organizations nationwide with about 15,000 members and about 300 chanters.

#### **Grading the Ivy League**

PRINCETON — For students at Princeton University, final exams are even more stressful this year. The Ivy League school decided to make it harder to earn an A.

The crackdown on high grades, part of a national battle against grade inflation at elite schools, has increased anxiety, and in some cases, made friendly students wonder whether they should offer study help to their competitors, er, classmates.

"Sometimes, your old high school mentality comes back to haunt you," said Monica Saumoy, recalling the cutthroat competition to get the grades she needed to get into Princeton

Previously, there was no official limit to the number of A's handed out, and nearly half the grades in an average Princeton class have been A-pluses, A's or A-minuses. Now, each department can give A's to no more than 35 percent of its students each semester.

Princeton's effort is being monitored closely by other hallowed halls, and some expect to see a ripple effect in coming years.

#### No homes on this range

ND BERTHOLD — The grasslands, tree groves and wetlands, with signs warning hunters to keep out, mark a stretch of rolling prairie near here as a haven for wildlife. Court documents mark it as something else: the focus of a battle over a North Dakota law that conservationists say is unmatched in the nation.

The 1985 law requires land buyers to submit their plans to a public review board, and gives the governor final authority to approve or reject any purchases.

Farm groups and county officials who support the measure say it helps ensure that farmland will not be lost. Conservationists and other critics say it hampers their work and keeps new groups from onerating in North Dakota

But no one had tried to challenge the law until this year, when James Cook, of Eden Prairie, Minn., refused to back down from his purchase of more than 1,400 acres for use as protected wildlife habitat.

#### Flood wall not needed

PA DANVILLE — Although construction of flood walls often force communities downstream to raise their own flood walls, a proposed flood control project in Bloomsburg should not have that effect on Danville, a federal official said.

"Our analysis shows that water surface elevations along the river are the same with the project or without the project," said Mary Dan, project manager for the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers.

"There shouldn't be any changes downstream."

A flood wall keeps water in a river that otherwise would flood a community. In doing so, it sends more water downstream. But the Corps of Engineers used sophisticated computer models of the North Branch of the Susquehanna River to determine that Danville will not have to raise its walls, authorities said.

#### Wide open spaces

BOISE — A legislative panel unanimously agreed to consider expanding Statehouse facilities with 80,000 new square feet in a building across the street from the Capitol. The current Statehouse needs about \$80 million in repairs for electrical, plumbing and other mechanical problems.

#### Man sues for lost time

PORT ST. JOHN — A man freed after serving 22 years behind bars for a rape he didn't commit plans to ask the state legislature for about \$4.9 million in compensation — and is getting some high-powered help with his reques

Wilton A. Dedge, 43, was freed after DNA evidence exonerated him Aug. 12 in the 1981 rape of a 17-year-old girl. He left with a few possessions in a plastic bag, but without a bus ticket or the \$100 the state gives to most freed convicts.

Now, Dedge and his attorneys are asking legislators to pass a special claims bill worth about \$4.9 million in compensation for lost wages, wrongful imprisonment and costs incurred by his family and lawyers. Dedge was convicted in 1982, and again in 1984 on a retrial.

"How can you put a number on it?" Dedge asked. "There's no right number. I would rather have the time back."

Dedge's team used three expert economists to come up with figures for lost wages and earning potential.

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#### Press is shirking duty in Iraq

I'm a soldier wrapping up a year in Iraq. I've followed the news all year and warned my family and friends that they are not hear-

There's been a lot accomplished this past year. Why, they wonder, aren't the achievements of the Iraqis and the coalition being reported? What better way of honoring those who've fallen, and substantiating the sacrifices of all, than by telling the world of their good works?

It doesn't make sense. The free press of the greatest free nation on Earth ignores the other half of the story.

Now the Iraqi elections are about to commence, and the American press is busy reporting the gloom and doom of violence. This is exactly the kind of advertising the insurgents need to thoroughly discourage a good portion of voters.

A tally of the number of schools built, hospitals operational, electricity restored, jobs created ... guess it's just too damn boring to sell papers in America. Doesn't reach out and grab viewers like good-old smoke and uction, does it? But that is desperately needed to fully inform the Iraqi voters the families with the most to lose from these omissions in reporting, people who will risk their lives just walking to the polls. They'd be very interested to know.

soldiers patrolling their streets would be interested, and relieved, to have the true support of America's free press. The soldiers know the sacrifice. They need to know what their efforts have achieved

I'm disgusted watching the American press shirk its duty while I fulfill mine. This is not some kind of ratings game. Iraqis and members of the coalition will live or die over this election. If members of the American press were so concerned with honoring our servicemembers, they would report the other side of the story and continue until Election Day in Iraq. In-depth coverage and banner headlines — the Iraqis certainly won't see that on Al-Jazeera!

Capt. James Arceo Camp Victory, Kuwait

# Carson spoke without losing a generation

#### BY HAROLD MEYERSON

WASHINGTON

n those tumultuous days when I was in college, back in the late '60s, Johnny Carson was the establishment. Network television was hopelessly establishment, and "The Tonight Show" its apotheosis. We had our own music, our counterculture, and when some of its performers popped up on late-night TV. why. that was just one more instance of Herbert Marcuse's repressive tolerance. Showcase and defang, that's what Carson was up to.

Or so, at least, ran the theory. In practice, on any weeknight between 11:30 and 1 (it was still a 90-minute show then), you could find a motley assortment of us in the dorm lounge watching Carson and Co. chip away at our cultural certitudes. Viewing "The Tonight Show" was one way that a generation that defined itself in large part by its cultural rebellion came to realize that there were seriously great entertainers even among our parents' and grandparents' cultural icons

A lot has been written since Carson's death on Sunday about the central role he played in showcasing new comic talent. But he showcased old talent, too, as did Dick Cavett, his rival late-night host during that period. On any given evening, courtesy of a George Burns or a William Demarest, a viewer could even cultivate an appreciation for vaudeville. Carson may have been the cultural establishment, but the establishment, not yet subject to the minutest calculations of the bottom line, had not at that point succumbed to the tyranny of the new Besides, Carson venerated the old com-

ics. He studied them, absorbed them and integrated them into his own shtick. On his opening night as the host of "The Tonight



#### Johnny Carson listens to Bette Midler sing him a farewell love song during his penultimate "Tonight Show" taping in May 1992.

Show," he didn't simply bounce out from behind the curtain: he had Groucho Mary introduce him. The comic from whom he learned the most, of course, was Jack Benny, the master of timing, of the elongated, skeptical silence, of reactions that were funnier than the jokes that preceded them. More than that, though, Benny's radio show, which Carson had listened to avidly while growing up, was at one and the same time a hugely popular conventional sitcom and a surreal dive into the loopiest of obsessions. Once the audience felt comfortable with the format, a comic could get away with some inspired nonsense.

And no comic ever established a more comfortable format - or persona - than Carson. He was the country boy who'd become the urban hipster - two distinct perspectives, two separate bases for skeptical detachment, that he fused completely into one. It didn't make for edgy monologues, but it did mean that when Carson cast a cold eve on some screw-up political leader, he was giving voice to a national sentiment. ...

A lot of us. I suspect find ourselves miss-

ing Carson more than we would have anticipated. That's a testament to more than just his brilliance and durability (and part of his brilliance was his durability). It's also a testament to the fact that he was a national voice - a red-state kid and a blue-state grown-up, an integrator of old and new, a mainstream presenter of fringe talent (without being too much of a homogenizer) and that we don't have national voices anymore. In talking nightly to the entire nation from a position of earned authority. Carson was the entertainment equivalent of Walter Cronkite. .

At some level, television has always been stratified: Sid Caesar's show was the smart viewer's Milton Berle. But Carson and Cronkite both talked to the entire nation without talking down to it. Today, we not only have Jay Leno and David Letterman but also Charlie Rose, Bill O'Reilly, Chris Matthews, Hannity, reality-celebrity-triviality Sean talk shows, some talking up, some talking down, some shouting, some ranting. It's not the proliferation of voices that's the problem; it's the absence of a more unifying voice - credible, tolerant, pluralistic, authoritative. But where's the audience — where's the country — to sustain such a voice? A collection of segmented markets is not the same thing as a nation.

In today's America, it's impossible even to imagine a figure possessing the cultural authority that Carson once wielded, or inspiring a Cronkite-like level of trust. Everyone came to Carson's couch, and was subiect to his devastating deadpan when the occasion demanded it. But that was when we had more of a culture, and a politics, in common, and a generous, skeptical comic who looked askance for us all.

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By GARRY TRUDEAU

#### Doonesbury Flashbacks









#### **OPINION**

# How far are we willing to push prisoners?

"I have neither the time nor the inclination to explain myself to a man who rises and sleeps under the blanket of the very freedom I provide, then questions the man-

ner in which I provide it. - Col. Nathan Jessep, "A Few Good Men"

he famous courtroom outburst from Jack Nicholson in the film "A Few Good Men" is a classic defense of "ends-justify-the-means" morality. The fictional Jessep, on military trial for complicity in a soldier's beating death, argues that the society that counts on the security he provides had better take care in judging him.

We were thinking about Col. Jessep in the wake of the conviction of Spc. Charles Graner, recently found guilty of abusing prisoners at Abu Ghraib prison and sen-tenced to 10 years behind bars. The verdict was just, the punishment condign, and, thus, many of us may think this puts the question of U.S. abuse and torture of detainees to rest

Wrong. We have no right to scapegoat Snc Graner There are far too many questions left unanswered about U.S. policy on physical abuse of these prisoners. There are reams of documents - official investigations, a Red Cross report, internal government papers made public thanks to an American Civil Liberties Union lawsuit showing that cruel and inhumane treatment of prisoners was more widespread than initially believed.

We know now that some detainees were beaten, some were raped, some burned, choked, urinated on, forced to face mock execution, shocked with electricity, sodomized with a police stick, sexually humiliated ... the list goes on.

We know, too, that the White House adopted what might charitably be called an expansive view of the limits of physical coercion. President Bush has said that he does not condone torture, but much depends on the definition of the word. When does necessary roughness become torture - and do our interrogators know and respect the distinction? More important: Does it matter to the American people

If not, then Col. Jessep is right, and there is no moral limit to what might be done to human beings in the name of security. So much for the sanctity of moral val-

In the film, Nathan Jessep goes down, because our sense of justice does not grant the right to do lawless evil so that good might come of it. If that's what Americans really believe, and not just Holly wood make-believe, we are shamefully reticent to show our troubled consciences.



# Comment compromised if conflicts not of interest

By Edward Wasserman

he affair of Armstrong Williams. the columnist and TV commentator who secretly took \$240,000 to shill for Bush administration education policy, came and went with blind-

Not only was the furor brutish and short, but it focused on the case's most unusual elements — that it involved a black conservative, an explicit payoff, public money and straight-up propaganda. As

The New York Times framed the issue: "The disclosure of the payments intensified a debate over the prevalence of political opinion masked as editorial content in the paid public communi

cations of the Bush ad-That's one way of looking at it. The far bigger issue, and one reason why the mat-

ministration

ter got so little attention, is that Williams' sin exemplifies a corruption that is all but routine in the arena of opinion and commentary: Somebody's bankrolling all these supposedly independent voices,

and we rarely know who Of the numerous articles I read on the case only a column by Chris Baker, in The Washington Times, hinted at the problem: "One of the dirty secrets of television news is that the producers who book pundits such as Armstrong Williams on their programs rarely ask the commentators about potential conflicts of

I suspect it's a lot worse than that, and it isn't just TV.

At times, the commentary arena is little better than an ethical brothel

Reporters face mounting demands to come clean on entanglements, but TV's shouting heads and the outside columnists who fill newspaper op-ed pages face no such clamor.

Freelance a travel article to a reputable newspaper, as a veteran political consultant told me, and you must swear you didn't get as much as a free Coke from the hotels you mention. But write a fierce opinion piece about some public policy with vast consequences at stake - and nobody asks whether you have a client in-

As readers, we don't notice. We read the op-ed column or watch the guest commentator, and we're reassured to learn the pundit is an expert in arms control or

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health-care policy, or is an ex-deputy assistant undersecretary, or a scholar-in-resi dence at some institute, or co-author of some largely unsold book. And it's true, but it tells us nothing We still have not a clue as to whom this person works for and whether those

learned observations were delivered pursuant to an arrangement with an undisclosed paymaster.

Even formal affiliations may be just protective cover. The writer who's a "felof that high-sounding think tank may be financially beholden to a benefactor hidden behind the institutional cur-

After the Williams affair broke, Judith Phair, head of the Public Relations Society of America, wrote on the organization's Web site that its Code of Ethics requires professionals to "fully disclose sponsors or financial interests involved in any paid communications activities.

It's a commendable statement. But n litical consulting deals — whether la-beled corporate PR, lobbying or grass-roots - do routinely obligate consultants to make sure that sympathetic commentaries are placed on respectable media outlets. (It's not unheard-of for the writing to be arranged anonymously well before the prestigious author's byline is rented.) This is never disclosed.

Some say that the rules are different

for pundits. Williams — who has insisted he said nothing he didn't believe claimed initially that because he was a commentator, not a journalist, he could keep the payments secret. In an interview, President Bush, whose appointees Williams' bagmen, observed, There needs to be a clear distinction between journalism and advocacy" - a puzzling remark. Did he mean money paid under-the-table to commentators precisely because the public thinks they're independent isn't deceitful? Of course it is,

There is such a thing as principled advocacy. And there is honest commentary based on disinterested judgments and driven by conviction, not cash. What the Williams affair dramatizes is a regrettable institutional layness from which the marketplace of opinion now suffers.

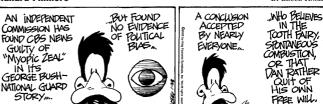
It's not hard to insist that pundits disclose conflicts and commitments, to insist that bylined authors actually do their own writing and that basic standards of honest discourse apply.

And the beleaguered mainstream media would do well to set such standards now, Because with the jubilant proliferation of punditry on the Internet, it's hard to see where else such standards would be set

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#### Mallard Fillmore

BY BRUCE TINSLEY



## J Horoscope

Mars and Pluto buddy up for some cosmic rock 'n' roll. Areas of life that have suffered from a lack of confrontation now receive due attention - not to **Holiday Mathis** mention a fierce attitude. It doesn't always take a revolution to change someone's mind or to handle a

#### squirrelly situation, but if revolt seems necessary many people are willing to on there TODAY'S BIRTHDAY

(January 28). This year features your sensational rise to a position you've had your eye on for several years now. You're going about business in a more politically savvy manner and therefore find yourself in favor with fellow diplomats. A well-constructed financial plan is your ticket to higher earnings. Make your romantic feelings known in May.

#### ARIES (March 21-April 19). You're inventive and sharp. But be careful not to overdo things. It's the simple idea that takes off like a

rocket. A Gemini or Sagittarius will help you fulfill a tall order in the easiest possible manner

#### TAURUS (April 20-May 20). Your mind needs some extra help in

getting going. Confused emotions could be putting a damper on your synapses. Deep breathing helps. The more you read, the better you think

#### GEMINI (May 21-June 21).

Listen: The faint echoes of 1,000 violins play in the distance. Why do people tug on your heartstrings so? Perhaps because you are easily swaved by stories of an unhappy childhood.

#### CANCER (June 22-July 22).

Just because you've been unaware of a trend thus far doesn't mean the trend doesn't exist. Look for possible patterns in your relationships. Discovering a self-perpetuated cycle could set you free.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). You'll hear some pretty silly excuses as to why someone didn't come through

for you. But you'll probably be too busy accepting the gracious gener osity from other people to care! A Libra flirts with you.

#### VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). Fighting for someone else's rights

brings out the warrior in you. "No" is not an option, and you're willing to make a scene if that's what it takes. You're now the sign most likely to be called to jury duty.

#### LIBRA (Sept.

23-Oct. 23). The rules are simple now, so follow them instead of looking for deeper explanations Be wary of people who

need to dominate the conversation. If you take the relationship further, they may bully you in other ways.

#### SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). Exterior influences promise to

soothe and calm you. They can't take the place of internal satisfaction, though. You are quite susceptible to advertising, so be careful not to fall into a consumer vortex

#### SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). The energy of love is always

there; we need only be open to it. Reaching out to friends, how small the gesture, will bring about a generally uniting energy. Feelings of isolation melt away.

#### CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan.

19). Defenses are there for a reason, right? Without them, wouldn't you crumble? Maybe not. It's more likely that you're holding onto a certain coping mechanism out of habit. Let go, and you'll become invulnerable

#### AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). Wisdom comes from the mouths of babes - or at least from the mouth

of someone you formerly didn't consider wise. You'll recognize the rightness of a statement and be utterly shocked.

#### PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). You hurl yourself into the pool of life

without concern for safety or liability - which is just as it should be! Your cannonball style looks like so much fun to everyone else that you'll soon attract a crowd of wannabe revelers.

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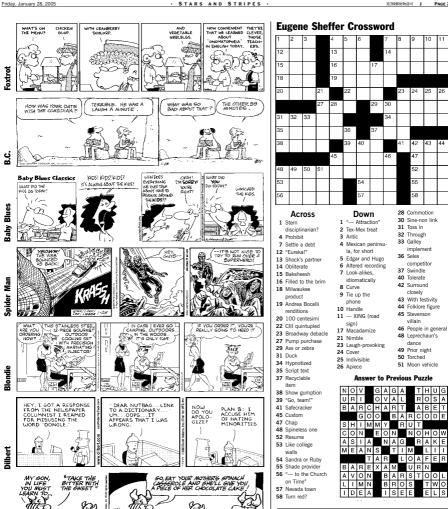
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Dear Abby

# **Report online predator promptly**

Dear Abby: My brother re cently discovered that his 16year-old stendaughter has been chatting online with a man in another state, up to and includ-ing phone sex. He went into her e-mail without her permission to see what was going on after she

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ran up a \$300 phone bill When he confronted her about the bill, she lied and said she had been talking to a girlfriend. Her mother - my brother's wife - thinks her daughter would never do anything wrong and gets mad at my brother if he implies otherwise. He doesn't want to do anything about the situation for fear of her wrath

I say, the girl's safety is more important than a fight with his wife. Do you know if there's a task force that he could e-mail this information to and remain anonymous? I would like to see that man caught before something horrible hannens to this beautiful young girl

heen victimized by a predator. Your brother's wife is doing her daughter no good by behaving like an ostrich and pretending this incident never happened.

There are several things your brother can do He should con-

> tact his local FBI office and/or visit the Web site www.fbi.gov and check out the area devoted to cyber crimes - specifically crimes against children under "What We Inves-tigate." If he is referred to his local police de nartment he should contact them immedi ately so they can inves-

National Center for Missing and Exploited Children also has an informative Web site, www.missingkids.com, which provides information regarding exploited children and an opportunity to report it.

tigate further. The

Dear Abby: I am a single

kissers. You don't want to give up on a great guy because his kiss is only average. I gently tried to provide a bit of coaching with an ey but it made him defensive

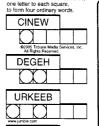
How do you teach a midriow do you teach a mid-dle-aged man to kiss? Before I get into another relationship, a little advice in this area would be help-ful. Also, would you approach it early on — or after there is an established relationship?

- Wants a Great Kisser Dear Wants: Since different people are turned on by different things, no one should expect to get it right on the first try. A considerate kisser wants to

The best way I know of to "teach" a middle-aged man to — or a young one or an old one, for that matter - is to demonstrate, demonstrate. Practice makes perfect, and the time to approach it is soon after he makes his next attempt.

Letters for this column — with your name and phone number — should be addressed to Dear Abby, P.O. Box 69440, Los Angeles CA 90069. Readers can write to Abby on the Internet at

by Henri Arnold and Mike Argiri-Unscramble these four Jumbles. What's it going to be?



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(Answers tomorrow) Jumbles: LEGAL PAGAN INLAID AERATE Answer: The baldheaded friends had a difficult time

#### to Abby on the Internet at http://www.uexpress.com/dearabby Universal Press Syndicate - Protective in Colorado woman, and while I have kissed a Spouse should check out vasectomy

#### Dear Annie: I am a Annie's Mailbox 36-year-old mother of two. After our first child was born, I suffered four miscarriages, two of which required a D&C which created adhesions from scar tissue. I under went two hysteroscopies and an emergency lap-aroscopy. After all this, we were able to have a second child, delivered via C-section. But I then had another miscarriage and decided enough was enough

I don't want to get pregnant

again I would like my husband to have a vasectomy, but he refuses Our current form of birth control is the withdrawal method, which isn't much fun, not to mention it's not the most effective. Frankly, I've been poked and prodded enough, and I don't want to under go more surgery for a tubal ligation. Birth control pills are not an option, and I have an allergy to

latey so condoms are out On top of my medical history. it's cheaper for my husband to have a vasectomy, and the recov-



ery time is fairly quick. A tubal would require a month off work without pay, not to mention the increased risks and chance of infection

My mother-in-law has her boy convinced he'll suffer lifelong urinary infections if he undergoes a vasectomy. I think my husband believes he'll be some-how less of a man, so he is dead-set against it.

— Southwest Sufferer Dear Southwest: It doesn't say much about your husband's char acter that he would put his macho pride above your health. We won't even get into his intrusive mother, who has no business being part of

For the record, vasectomies are quite safe and have absolutely no effect on a man's sexual drive or masculinity. If your husband is worried about surgery, he can look into non-surgical options

this decision

Dear Annie: For years, my husband and I have been helping our daughter and son-in-law by

taking care of their three children whom we dearly love. When our daughter was working, she paid us a little, although it didn't cover the cost of the children's food or the gas to take them to and from school. Now that she is back in

college, she says she can't pay us anything at all. We have the grandkids every day. At dinner, their parents stop by to eat with us. Money that we hoped to have for our golden years is dwindling away. How do we tell our daughter she needs to help us with the cost of caring for her children, or she needs to take care of them herself?

- Almost Broke Grandma Dear Grandma: You tell her in plain English. She is taking advantage of you because you permit it. Inform your daughter that she needs to find other arrangements, because you no longer have the time or money to raise her children. It's her turn Annie's Mailbox is written by Kathy Annie's Mailbox is written up natury Mitchell and Marcy Sugar, longtime editors of the Ann Landers column. Please e-mail your questions to anniesmailbox@comcast.net, or write to: Annie's Mailbox, (c) Creators Sync cate, 5777 W. Century Blvd., Suite 700, Los Angeles, CA 90045. Creators Syndicate

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Courtney I year old black female Labrador. Registered. All shots are up to date. Great dog, but we already have a puppy and my wife is about to deliver our first baby, so it is too much for us now. \$500. Interested? Call 6225276 anytime. Seth. Foster - FTGH Two 8 mo. old terrier pupples, separate or together. Don't have enough time for them. Very sweet and playful. Loves everyone. Call 645-5363 after 4 pm.

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jenpenny\$297@hotmail.com 833-9057 Kadena, Okinawa - 2 Oki microtogs, I male, 1 femiliar 100 million - 1 femiliar 100 more to ether or both please call for more information. abeSnavy@hotmail.com or call 633-5183.

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ARN radio Korea, 10:30 a.m.-College basket-ball: Washington at Arizon Lage ARN-Atlantic, 11 a.m.-College basketball: DePaul at Memphis, 10:40 a.m.-NBA: Sacramento at San Antonio, 13:40 a.m.-NBA: Inside the NBA. ARN-Sports, 2 p.m.-NBA: Inside the NBA. ARN-Sports, 5 p.m.-Golf: PGA Bob Hope Classic, first round. Classic, Tirst round.

AFN-Sports, 7 p.m.-Tennis: Australian
Open (dld).

AFN-Sports, 9 p.m.-College basketball:
Washington at Arizona (dld). AFN-Sports, 11 p.m.-College basketball: Or-

#### Saturday

AFN-Sports, 4 a.m.-Tennis: Australian Open, men's singles semifinal. AFN radio Okinawa, Korea, 7 a.m.-NBA: Tor-onto at Charlotte. nto at Charlotte. AFN-Sports, 9 a.m.-NBA: Cleveland at New AFN-Sports, 9 a.m.-meat: ureverious activities of the Mathantic, 930 a.m.-Boxing: Rodney lones vs. Teddy Reid for Jones' NABF super-wetterweight title.

AFN-Sports, 11:30 a.m.-Tennis: Australian Jopen, women's singles championship.

AFN-Pacific/Korea, 11:30 a.m.-NBA: Sacramento at Houston. mento at Houston.

AFN-Sports, 5 p.m.-Golf: PGA Bob Hope
Classic, second round (dld).

AFN-Sports, 8 p.m.-Tennis: Australian
Open, women's singles championship (dld).

AFN-Sports, 9:30 p.m.-NBA: Cleveland at
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#### Pro football

#### NFL playoffs

Wild-card Playoffs Saturday, Jan. 8 St. Louis 27, Seattle 20 N.Y. Jets 20, San Diego 17, OT Sunday, Jan. 9 Indianapolis 49, Denver 24 Minnesota 31, Green Bay 17 Divisional Playoffs

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23. lowa (14-4) did not play. Next: at Northwestern, Wednesday.
24. Mississippi State (16-4) did not play. Next: at LSU, Saturday.
25. Utah (17-3) did not play. Next: at Brigham Young, Monday.

#### Tuesday's men's scores EAST

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#### AP Women's Top 25 fared

Tuesday

1. Duke (18-2) did not play. Next: vs. No. 20
Maryland, Thursday.
2. LSU (18-1) did not play. Next: vs. Auburn, Sunday, 3. Ohio State (19-2) did not play. Next: at 3. Ofilo State (19-2) did not play. Next: at Wisconsin, Thursday.
4. Stanford (17-2) did not play. Next: at Washington, Thursday.
5. Tennessee (14-3) did not play. Next: at South Carolina, Thursday.
6. Notre Dame (16-3) did not play. Next: vs. St. John's, Wednesday. b. Notre Dame (1-3) did not play. Next: vs. St. John's, Wednesday.
 7. Baylor (13-3) did not play. Next: vs. Texas A&M, Wednesday.
 8. Rutgers (13-4) did not play. Next: at No. 14 Boston College. Wednesday.
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9. Connecticut (12-4) did not play. Next: at Pittsburgh, Wednesday, 10. Minnesota (16-3) did not play. Next: at No. 22 Penn State, Sunday. 11. Michigan State (16-3) did not play. Next: vs. Furdue, Wednesday. 12. North Carolina (15-3) did not play. Next: vs. Wate Forest, Thursday. 13. Texas Tech (14-3) did not play. Next: vs. Missouri, Wednesday.

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Northwestern, Thursday.
23. Vanderbilt (13-4) did not play. Next: at Kentucky, Thursday.
24. Temple (15-3) did not play. Next: vs. George Washington, Thursday.

#### 25. North Carolina State (15-4) did not play. Next: vs. No. 1 Duke, Sunday. Tuesday's women's scores

Bates 59, Babson 48, EAST
Bentley 62, Merrimack 51
Bentley 62, Merrimack 51
Bentley 62, Merrimack 51
Brockport 57, Cortland 51, 48
Bryant 66, Pace 61
Colby-Sawyer 68, Wentworth Tech 46
Curry 82, Regis, Mass. 70
Dominican, N.Y. 65, Post, Conn. 51
Dever 55, Wilse 53
Mass. 70 Emmanuel 73, Pine Manor 43 Endicott 58, New England 49 Fitchburg St. 69, Framingham St. 36 Franklin Pierce 53. St. Michael's 47 Frankin Pierce 53, St. Michael 5 47 Ithaca 60, Oneonta 44 LeMoyne 77, S. New Hampshire 51 Maine-Farmington 55, Colby 39 Mass.-Dartmouth 74, Mass.-Boston 64 Mass.-Lowell 62, St. Anselm 58 Mount Holyoke 60, Coast Guard 49 Mount St. Vincent 66, Purchase St. 46 N.J. Tech 62, Felician 56 N.J. Tech 52, Felician 55 Nichols 94, Anna Maria 69 Penn St. Behne Maria 69 Penn St. Behne Maria 69 Plattsburgh 61, Potsdam 46 Princeton 82, Lafayette 72 Rhode Island 71, Duquesne 59 Roberts Wesleyan 70, Houghton 48 Rochester Tech 53, Nazareth, N.Y. 57 Rochester Tech 59, Nazareth, N.Y. Roger Williams 58, E. Nazarene 43 S. Connecticut 60, Assumption 48 S. Maine 85, Plymouth St. 62 S. Vermont 77, Daniel Webster 65 Skidmore 46, Amherst 43 Springfield 91, Clark U. 65 St. John Fisher 82, Alfred 62 St. Joseph's, L.I. 49, Old Westbury St. Joseph's, Lt. 48, '0ld Westbury 47 St. Lawrence S., Clarkson 49 St. Peter's 95, Iona 85 St. Peter's 95, Iona 85 St. Rose G., American International 61 Union, NY, 28, Elmira 49 Union, NY, 28, Elmira 49 Wellesley S., Worcester Tech 51 Wellesley S., Worcester Tech 51 West Cliberty 74, Ohio Valley 64, OT West Cliberty 74, Ohio Valley 64, OT West Cliberty 74, Ohio Valley 68, Wheaton, Mass. 66, MIT 43 Bridgewater, NS, SOUTH stbury 47 Bridgewater, Va. 72, Hollins 65 Bryan 74, Covenant 58 Campbellsville 70, Brescia 40 Charleston Southern 59, Winthrop 43 Cumberland, Tenn. 98, Knoxville 46 Davidson 65, W. Carolina 63

Davison 65, W. Carolina 65 Emory & Henry 69, Washington & Lee 66 Fort Valley St. 81, Kentucky St. 50 Georgetown, Ky. 91, Martin Methodist 62 Kentucky Christian 78, Appalachian Bible 33 Georgeson (1986) Georges (1986) Geor Tennessee recti do, Augusti Co. UNC-Greensboro 55, Appalach Union, Ky. 95, Virginia-Wise 75 Union, Tenn. 71, Lambuth 51 MIDWEST

Arkansas 69, UMKC 46 Aurora 58, Benedictine,III. 54 Buena Vista 74, Loras 65 Cedarville 80, Shawnee St. 63 Čedarville 80, Shawnee St. 63 Cent. Methodis 100, Stephens 29 Columbia, Mo. 95, III.-Springfield 74 Concordia, Neb. 68, Midland Lutheran 54 Dubuque 68, Cent. Iowa 58 Edgewood 59, Milwaukee Engineering 42 Fort Hays St. 75, Rockhurst 64 Ind.-South Bend 64, Purdue-Calumet 55 10.-South Bend 64, Purdue-Caldinet 5 Idiana Tech 87, Taylor-Fort Wayne 50 Ansas St. 74, Iowa St. 52 a Roche 60, Lake Erie 40 Martin Luther 64, Bethel, Minn. 47 McKendree 78, Harris-Stowe 29 McPherson 61, Oklahoma Wesleyan 53 Missouri Baptist 97, Hannibal-LaGrange 83 Northwestern, Minn. 60, Crown 47

Ohio Dominican 62, Malone 59 Presentation 72, Minn.-Morris 48 Rio Grande 80, Mount Vernon Nazarene 62 Rockford 71, Dominican, III. 57 Rockford 71, Dominican, III. 57 Simpson, Iowa 63, Warthurg 50 St. Xavier 82, Robert Morris-Chicago 49 Truman St. 66, SW Baatist A Wayne, Neb. 50, Upper Iowa 37 Wheaton, III. 64, Millikin 47 Wilberforce 99, Tffin 53 William Woods 58, Williams Baptist 50 Wis. Lutheran 77, Alverno 52

Wis.-Oshkosh 63, Wis.-Whitewater 61 Wis.-Stevens Pt. 68, Wis.-Platteville 48 Wis.-Stevens r.c. .... Wis.-Stout 69, Wis.-River Falls 65 York, Neb. 80, Kansas Wesleyan 55 FAR WEST

Swimming

## Kansas 65, Colorado 60 Regis 91, Metro St. 83 Whitworth 67, Whitman 61

#### **FINA World Cup**

#### Wednesday At Moscow

Women

50 freestyle — 1, Sviatlana Khakhlova, Be rrus, 24.65, 2, Martina Maraykova, Slovakia 24.79. 3, Flavia Delaroli-Cazzio 2479. 3, Flavia Delaroli-Cazziolato, Brazil.
269 bactstode — I, Kateryan Zubkova.
Ukraine, 2745. 2, Masaki Olkava, Japan,
Ukraine, 2745. 2, Masaki Olkava, Japan,
100 butterfly — I, Martina Moravkova, Slova
Vaskia, 5786. 2, Rachel Komisarz, United
Sunda, 5786. 2, Rachel Komisarz, United
Sunda, 5786. 2, Chiara Bogolmazova,
100 breaststroke — I, Elenä Bogomazova,
100 breaststroke — I, Elenä Bogomazova,
100 breaststroke — I, Brana Bogomazova,
100 breaststroke — II Brana Bogomazova,
100 1:58.39. 200 backstroke — 1, Hanae Ito, Japan 2:06.65. 2, Kateryna Zubkiva, Ukraine 2:06.84. 3, Stanislava Komarova, Russia

200.84 3, Stanisalav Komfarova, Russia, 207.47, 200 individual medley — 1, Daria Beliakina, Russia, 2:13.15, 2, Josefin Lillhage, Sweden, 2:13.38, 3, Natalila Lovtsova, Russia, 2:13.84, 800 freestyle — 1, Anastasia Ivanenko, Rus-sia, 8:20.59, 2, Yumi Kida, Japan, 2:27.17, 3, Rachel Komisarz, United States, 8:28.35.

#### Skiing

#### Men's World Cup slalom

Tuesday
Planai Course (run times in parentheses)
1. Manfred Pranger, Austria, 1 minute,
47.13 seconds (51.92 seconds-55.21 seconds). 2. Benjamin Raich, Austria, 1:47.17 (51.70-55.47). 3. Andre Myhrer, Sweden, 1:47.37 (53.11-54.26). 4. Rainer Schoenfelder, Austria, 1:47.43 A. Baliner's Scheenfelder, Austria, 1:47.38
 A. Baliner's Scheenfelder, Austria, 1:47.57
 A. Balaner's Vidal, France, 1:47.54
 A. Balaner's Vidal, France, 1:47.54
 A. Balaner's Chemiss, Sweden, 1:47.54
 A. Balaner's Chemiss, Sweden, 1:47.79
 A. Bromas Grandi, Canada, 1:47.38
 A. Bromas Grandi, Canada, 1:47.88
 A. Michael Janyk, Canada, 1:47.88
 A. Balaner's Chemiss, Sweden, 1:48.15
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 A. Balaner's Chemiss, Sweden, 1:47.28
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1,093 points.

10. Kilian Albrecht, Austria, 14: 25:65-56, 90. World Cup Standings (After 25 Rices)

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World Cup Slatom Standings (After 8 Races) 1. Benjamin Raich, Austria, 427. 2. Baliner, Schoeffleder, Austria, 288. 3. Baliner, Schoeffleder, Austria, 288. 4. Giorgio Rocci, Talla y. 300. 5. Hose Schoeffleder, Austria, 288. 5. Hose Schoeffleder, 251. 7. Marrio Matt. Januari, 251. 8. Baliner Bodologi, Raich 188. 11. Markus Larison, Switzer Ind. 11. Markus Larison, Switzer Ind. 11. Thomas Earner, Canada, 127. 12. Abrain Seafel, Japan, 122. 12. Abrain Seafel, Japan, 122. nd, 170

#### High school Japan wrestling Wednesday's results At Tokyo

AT Tokyo Sunsa AS, Maryo International 27, AS, Maryo International 27, AS, Maryo International 27, AS, Maryo International 27, Internation evin Koyasu, 11-6 148-J.M. Kwak, St. Mary's, pinned Blake Mc-ollum, 3:51 ollum, 3:51 158-Sonny Libero, St. Mary's, pinned Sam nin, 1:25 168-Ali-Al Ansari, St. Mary's, pinned Joe 

St. Maur 12 2 10 15-39 Leading scorers-CAJ, Kelsey Masuda 17, Kelsey Härdeman 8, Erica Burger 8; St. Maur, Shawna Ureyama 15.

# College hockey

Tuesday's scores rry 16, W. New England 2

Curry 16, W. New England 2 Elmira 5, Hamilton 2 Hobart 5, Armherst 5 Middlebury 4, Platton 31, 2 Hymouth 51, 5, Framingham 51, 1 Princeton 4, Bentley 9 Providence 4, Connecticut 3 St. Anselm 6, 5, New Hampshire 3 Turts 4, Johnson & Wales R.J. 2 Wentworth Tech 6, Stonehill 1

#### Deals

Tuesday's transactions

BASEBALL
American League
MINNESOTA TWINS—Agreed to terms with
HP C.J. Nitkowski on a minor league conact.
TAMPA BAY DEVIL RAYS—Designated RHP
ohn Webb for assignment.

ohn Webb for assignment. National League FLORIDA MARLINS—Named Mike Gazda PLORIDA MARLINS—Named Mike Gazoa media relations manager.

LOS ANGELES DOGERS—Agreed to terms with RHP Scott Erickson on a minor league contract. Named Jon Debus bullpen coach. Promoted Jim Lett to bench coach.

BASKETBALL

National Basketball Association NEW YORK KNICKS—Placed F Tim Thomas

n the injured list.
SACRAMENTO KINGS—Placed F Maurice
vans on the injured list. Activated F Erik

SACRAMENTO KINGS—Placed F I Evans on the injured list. Activates Daniels from the injured list. NationOFEALL Legue BALTIMORE RAVENS—Named Jeff aid linebackers coach, Mike Pettine linebackers coach and John Fassel c ssistant.

JACKSONVILLE JAGUARS—Named Carl
mith offensive coordinator. Signed DB Ray
erryman and OT Sammy Williams.

KANSAS CITY CHIEFS—Signed DB Eric rouch.
MIAMI DOLPHINS—Named Hudson Houck
ffensive line coach.
NEW YORK JETS—Signed P Micah Knorr to future contract.
PHILADELPHIA EAGLES—Placed TE Chadewis on injured reserve. Signed TE Jeff Tho-

mason.

WASHINGTON REDSKINS—Allocated CB
James Bethea, WR Nathan Black, CB Rufus
Brown, RB Dahrran Diedrick, LB Maurice
Jones, Ol Ben Nowland and LB Joe Tuipala to
NF, Europe, Signed OL Dan Goodspeed and
DB Roosevelt Williams

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COLLEGE
GEORGIA—Suspended sophomore men's asketball G Levi Stukes one game for violating a team rule.

LAMAR—Named Justin Gibert women's volayball coach. MARITIME—Named Russell Ketcham sen's lacrosse coach. MIAMI—Named Hudson Houck offensive ne coach and Charlie Baggett wide receiv-

ers coach.

MICHIGAN—Suspended G Daniel Horton from the men's basketball team after he was charged with domestic violence.

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ton.

SAN JOSE STATE—Named Ken Margerum offensive coordinator and quarterbacks coach, Steve Morton offensive line coach, Steve Morton offensive line coach perut Brennan receivers coach and recruiting coordinator and Marcus Arroyo offensive graduate assistant.





# No proposals expected in NHL labor talks

NEW YORK - Here's what will be missing from the next round of hockey negotiations: commissioner Gary Bettman, union chief Bob Goodenow and a

new proposal from the NHL. What will be present is the small hope that the hockey season

can be saved. "I think the setup of these meetings is what's important in terms of the small-group dynamic, the open discussion and dialogue NHL chief legal officer Bill Daly told The Associated Press from Toronto, the site of Wednesday's negotiations with the players' as-

"It's less formal or structured than the meetings we've had in the past, and I think that's helpful to the process," he said.

For that reason, no new proposals will be presented.

Just like last week, when talks were held for two days, discussions will continue in three-man groups and without Bettman and Goodenow Both sides believe an open dialogue will help generate ideas better than working on a formal proposal.

"The players' association said that they felt like we should kind of work through possible joint solutions to this and at least hear what each other has to say," Daly said. But time is running short to

make a deal and save the season "We're in a critical stage, and that means we're down to days, Daly said. "We'll try to move the process forward and try to get a resolution

NHLPA senior director Ted

#### **Sports briefs**

Saskin declined comment until after Wednesday's meeting.

was Vancouver center Trevor Linden who came up with the idea last week to talk with just six neonle in the room. Linden NHLPA president, invited Harley Hotchkiss - the chairman of the board of governors

The structure was successful in generating ideas and discussion. but it did nothing to close the gap in the philosophical differences

The NHL wants cost certainty a link between player costs and team revenues. The players' association wants a free-market system. Daly said he has no reason to believe that either side will change its position Wednesday.

#### Hearing looms in Bryant case

DENVER - Attorneys in the civil case against Kobe Bryant are sparring over rules for witness interviews and whether the NBA star will be able to blame the emotional distress of his accuser on others

The behind-the-scenes arguments come ahead of a hearing in Denver federal court on Feb. 2. It was unclear Tuesday whether Bryant or the woman accusing him of rape will be there. Neither is required to appear.

The woman's attorneys are fighting Bryant's assertions that media organizations, the state court system and people who threatened the woman share responsibility for the distress she encounter in a Colorado resort hotel 19 months ago

Attorneys for the Los Angeles Lakers player, meanwhile, are fighting attempts by the woman's attorneys to ask him questions about his sex life, calling it a "highly invasive fishing expedition."

#### Former coach says he took \$150,000 for Alabama recruit

MEMPHIS, Tenn. - A former high school football coach told a federal jury Wednesday that he got offers of money, a job and free law school for his wife before he accepted a \$150,000 payoff to steer his best player to sign with

Alabama. Lynn Lang, the former head coach at Trezevant High School, testified for the second day at the trial of Logan Young, a Memphis millionaire who is on trial on federal bribery and money laundering charges

Lang is awaiting sentencing on a guilty plea to racketeering con-spiracy. He said he took the money to convince defensive line man Albert Means to sign with the Crimson Tide in 2000

In testimony Tuesday in U.S. District Court, Lang said that coaches from two other Southeastern Conference schools. Kentucky and Georgia, gave him money. He also testified that Tennessee, Mississippi, Michigan and Arkansas offered money for Means but never paid.

Under cross examination by defense lawver James Neal on Wednesday, Lang added Memphis to the list of schools that offered him a deal, testifying that would arrange for Lang's wife to attend law school for free at the university

Lang also told jurors that Arkansas offered him either an assistant coaching job worth more than \$80,000 a year or \$150,000 in cash if he delivered Means and

another player. Means, who has not been ac-cused of wrongdoing, previously testified that he let Lang choose

his college.

Lang. who made less than \$30,000 at Trezevant High, said he kept upping the price until it reached \$150,000, which he received in a series of payments each smaller than \$10,000, the threshold at which bank transac-

tions must be reported. Alabama assistant coach Ivy Williams and Ronnie Cottrell and other assistant who lost his job at Alahama after the investigation have filed a \$60 million defamation lawsuit against the NCAA over the investigation

#### Cavs' Vareiao out 6 weeks

CLEVELAND - Cavaliers rookie forward Anderson Vareigo might miss six weeks with a se-verely sprained left ankle, and oft-injured guard Dajuan Wagner is back in the hospital with a stom-

Vareigo's loss is an especially tough one for the Cavaliers, who have benefited from the shaggy-haired 6-foot-10 Brazilian's energy and hustle. Varejao, a reserve, is averaging 4.4 points and 4.6 rebounds in 13.7 minutes.

Meanwhile, Wagner has experienced additional effects from colitis - an inflamed large intestine.

## Red Sox send **Mientkiewicz** to N.Y. Mets for a prospect

The Associated Press

NEW YORK - Doug Mientkiewicz is bringing his good glove to the New York Mets. The hall is another story.



The Mets acanired Gold former Glove first baseman from the

Boston Red Sox on Wednesday for minor league first baseman Ian Bladergroen, a baseball official told The Associated Press on condition of anonymity

New York made the decision to obtain Mientkiewicz after Carlos Delgado accepted the Florida Marlins' \$52 million, four-year offer Tuesday, spurning a \$52 million proposal from New York.

Mientkiewicz, 30, won the 2001 AL Gold Glove with Minnesota and caught the final out of Boston's World Series sweep of St. Louis in October. He kept the ball, which the Red Sox want

"I would like to keep the ball, too," former Boston and current Mets pitcher Pedro Martinez said Tuesday. "I think everyone on the team should have gotten a little piece of the ball. He's the only one who noticed to keep the ball.

Mientkiewicz came up to the major leagues with Minnesota in 1998 and was dealt to the Red Sox on July 31 A career 272 hitter he slumped to a combined .238 with six homers and 35 RBIs last vear for Minnesota and Boston. which used him as a late-inning replacement for Kevin Millar.

He agreed last February to a \$7 million, two-year contract that calls for a \$3.75 million salary this year.

To provide the power they had oped to obtain in Delgado, the Mets might try to sign Magglio Ordonez. His agent, Scott Boras, talked with the Mets on Tuesday, and New York already has requested the medical records of Ordonez, who injured a knee last year and needed two operations.

# Marlins can think big with Delgado aboard

BY STEVEN WINE The Associated Press

MIAMI - With the addition of Carlos Delgado, the Florida Marlins may be ready to end the Atlanta Braves' reign in the NL East.

Then again, the Braves are pretty good at turning back challeng-es. They've won 13 consecutive division titles

"The way to the title is through " Washington Nationals General Manager Jim Bowden said Wednesday. "That being said, I don't think there's any question that the Marlins' offense has been upgraded dramatically

They're going to score a bunch of runs, and it's going to be a real fun offensive team

Fun for Florida fans, that is but not for Bowden's team or the rest of the division

Delgado, who hit at least 30 home runs each of the past eight seasons for Toronto, agreed Tuesday to a \$52 million, four-year deal with Florida and took his physical Wednesday. Assuming he passes, he'll anchor the Marmost potent lineup since 1997, when they won the first of their two World Series titles

They've yet to claim a division

title, finishing behind Atlanta in each of their 12 seasons. Last year Florida was in the wild-card race until mid-September but finished 13 games behind the Braves with an 83-79 record.

Can Delgado help make up that margin? And can Florida overtake NL champion St. Louis, which won 105 games?

"With this transaction the Marlins have the firepower to win the division, the league and the World Series," Bowden said.

The Marlins likely agree. But manager Jack McKeon has been around the game long enough (54 years) to know that predicting a title is a bad idea, especially with the Braves in his division.

"I still think they're the team to beat," McKeon said. "They find a way to come up with the players. Everybody gave the Braves a goodbye last year, and look what happened."

There's no assurance the Mar lins will be better than last year after losing ace Carl Pavano (18-8) and closer Armando Benitez (47 saves) to free agency.

General manager Larry Beinfest signed veteran Al Leiter to take Pavano's spot in the rotation. Guillermo Mota is slated to become a first-time closer as part of a revamped bullpen.

"How Mota handles the transition and how well the setup guys do will determine the Marlins' Bowden said "But destiny." knowing Larry Beinfest and Jack McKeon, if that becomes a prob lem during year, they'll go out and fix it.

A left-handed power hitter has topped McKeon's wish list ever since he became manager in 2003. Delgado's one of the best. 'Sometimes patience is a vir

McKeon said. "Delgado gives us that ingredient we didn't

He'll be one of seven Florida regulars to have played in an All-Star Game. And the rotation, the team's strength the past two seasons, still includes Josh Beckett, A.J. Burnett and Dontrelle Willis

#### Police still searching for Urbina's kidnapped mother

CARACAS, Venezuela - Kidnappers holding the mother of Detroit Tigers pitcher Ugueth Urbina have demanded a \$3 million ransom, but have not contacted the family in several weeks. Vene-

zuelan police said Tuesday. Ten police detectives in an anti-kidnapping unit are on the and believe 54-year-old Maura Villarreal is still being held hostage. Police said the strategy of making no contact is a common ploy used by kidnappers in the South American country.

Urbina's mother disappeared from her home on the outskirts of Caracas on Sept. 1. Police have said they believe she was taken by four men who arrived wearing police uniforms.

A senior police official, speaking on the condition of anonymity, said it had been difficult for the family to accept police involvement because they fear for Villar-



# **Suns, Sonics are two for threes**

## Teams at home from long range in road wins

The Phoenix Suns put on a three-point show at Madison Square Garden, and Vladimir Radmanovic did the same for Seattle.

On a big night for long-range shooters all over the NBA, Radmanovic scored all but two of his 26 points on eight three-pointers to lead the visiting SuperSonics over the Los



Angeles Lakers 104-93 on Tuesday. "One time. I

think he was in the parking

lot and I had my hand right in front of him, but he just pulled up and shot the ball. He had a great night," Lakers guard Caron Butler said.

Phoenix tied a team record with 16 three-pointers and finished with its highest point total of the season in a 133-118 victory over the New York Knicks. Quen-tin Richardson went 7-for-14 from behind the arc, Jim Jackson was 5-for-6 and the Suns made 50 percent of their threes.

It was the most points by a Knicks opponent since Portland scored 141 on Nov. 15, 1990, according to the Elias Sports Bu-

"We were into a groove, and it kind of got contagious where ev-ervone was hitting them." Richardson said

Amare Stoudemire scored 29 oints, Richardson had 25, Joe Johnson 24 and Shawn Marion 20 for Phoenix.

The loss was the seventh in a row for the Knicks, who obviously haven't latched onto new coach Herb Williams' emphasis on defense.

The 16 three-pointers were the most allowed in franchise history "Those guys play totally different basketball. They don't play regular basketball. They just shoot threes for days," New York's Stephon Marbury said.

Jamal Crawford led the Knicks with 40 points.

At Los Angeles, Radmanovic shot 9-for-17, including 8-for-14 from long range, in coming within one point of his season high and three points of his career best. Despite feeling sick for about a week, he made nine of his first 11

"Probably the virus that I have is a good basketball virus," Rad-manovic said. "I'm just trying to play through it '

Radmanovic was sick to the point that he sat out practice Mon-

day.
"At the beginning of the game, I didn't have enough energy," he said. "I was slow motion. Later on. I got warmed up. The rim looked a little bit bigger tonight to me. Those guys weren't paying attention.

Allen Ray added three-pointers and 25 points, and Rashard Lewis scored 21 for the Northwest Division-leading Sonics, whose 29-11 record is the third-hest in the NBA

The Lakers (22-17) missed another opportunity for a seathree-game winning son-high streak. They've won consecutive games nine times, but failed in each of those situations to win a third straight.

Lamar Odom led the Lakers with 19 points, 13 rebounds and eight assists.

Bulls 111. Nuggets 107: At Chicago, Kirk Hinrich scored 23 points, Eddy Curry shook off a groin injury to add 14 in the fourth quarter and the surging Bulls won for the 11th time in 12

Denver broke Chicago's string of holding opponents to less than 100 points at 26 games, but couldn't pull out the victory despite getting 32 points — 15 in the fourth quarter — from Carmelo

With their fourth straight win in five nights, the Bulls moved two games over .500 after an 0-9

Celtics 97, Bobcats 92: Paul Pierce scored 33 points to help Boston end its nine-game road los-ing streak and hand the Bobcats their ninth loss in a row overall.

Emeka Okafor scored all 20 of his points in the second half and added 12 rebounds and five blocks for the Bobcats. But he was 0-for-4 at the line - and the Bobcats were 10-for-22.

Grizzlies 95, Magic 83: At

Memphis, Tenn., Stromile Swift had 18 points and nine rebounds for the Grizzlies, who had seven players in double figures and out-



Knicks guard Stephon Marbury grabs the arm of Suns forward Amare Stoudemire in the Suns 133-118 victory.

scored the Magic 20-6 in the final 4:05 to secure their 12th win in 14

The Grizzlies needed the balanced offense after Pau Gasol, their leading scorer and rebounder, was placed on the injured list earlier in the day with a left foot injury. Key reserve Bonzi Wells also sat out with a groin strain.

Grant Hill and Steve Francis led Orlando with 18 points each. Kings 113, Nets 93: At Sacra-

mento, Calif., Brad Miller had a season-high 31 points and 12 rebounds while making 11 straight shots, and the Kings rebounded from an embarrassing loss.

scored 25 Peja Stojakovic points and Cuttino Mobley had 20 points, 10 assists and seven rebounds for the Kings, who made a season-best 55 percent of their shots and recovered nicely from their worst home loss in nine vears. San Antonio beat them 103-73 Sunday night, snapping a six-game winning streak.

Miller thrived in the absence of Chris Webber, who sat out with a sprained right ankle. The Kings' leading scorer and rebounder hopes to return for their rematch with San Antonio on Thursday

Miller made every shot he took during the final three quarters and finished 14-for-18 while assuming Webber's playmaking role atop the offense. Mike Bibby had 19 points - including four three-pointers - and 10 assists.

#### NBA scoreboard

#### **Eastern Conference**

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#### Western Conference Southwest Division

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Dallas at Portland
New Jersey at Golden State
L.A. Lakers at L.A. Clippers
Thursday's games
Detroit at Indiana Charlotte at Chicago
Sacramento at San Antonio
Friday's games
Cleveland at New York Toronto at Charlotte Washington at Orlando Miami at Atlanta Phoenix at Boston Utah at Minnesota Philadelphia at New Orleans Denver at Milwaukee Sacramento at Houston

L.A. Clippers at Portland New Jersey at L.A. Laker Seattle at Golden State

#### Tuesday Celtics 97, Bobcats 92

#### Suns 133, Knicks 118

PHOENIX — Marion B-18 3-4 20, Richardson 9-17 0-0 25, Stoudemire 7-13 15-23 29, Johnson 9-16 3-4 24, Mash 3-7 3-4 9, Hunter Johnson 9-16 3-4 24, Mash 3-7 3-4 9, Hunter New York — Ariza 9-20 3-5 21, KThomas 10-20 3-3 24, Mohammed 1-5 2-2 4, Crawford 1-25 7-8 40, Marbury 5-17 1-11 11, Baker 1-3

0-1 2, J.Williams 0-3 0-0 0, Sweetney 4-8 4-6 12, Brewer 1-4 0-1 2, Sundov 0-0 2-2 2. Totals 45-105 22-29 118.

## Grizzlies 95. Magic 83 ORLANDO — Hill 7-16 4-4 18, Howard 1-4 4-6 Cato 1-2 1-2 3, Francis 4-11 10-12 18, Turko u 3-13 2-2 9, Battle 1-2 1-2 3, Christie 3-6 1-1 Nelson 7-15 1-2 17, Augmon 0-1 2-2 2, Garri-0-1 0-0 0. Totals 27-71 26-33 83.

ty 0-10-0 n. Totals 27-77.26-33 83.

MEMPHIS — Posey 4-10-22 12, Swift 8-16
2-3 18, Wright 49-64 12, J.Williams 3-9-3-10,
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#### Bulls 111, Nuggets 107

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#### Nuggets, Karl discuss job told The Associated Press in a

DENVER - George Karl met with Denver General Manager Kiki Vandeweghe about the Nuggets' vacant coaching position. but the job has not been offered to the former NBA coach.

Vandeweghe said he spoke with Karl, who works as an analyst for ESPN, in Chicago on Monday, a day before Denyer's game against the Chicago Bulls.

Vandeweghe wouldn't discuss his conversation with Karl.

"We both agreed to keep the meeting private," Vandeweghe

phone interview Tuesday. "I think it was very amicable. I've known George a long time and we had a good talk." Karl has been considered one of

the leading candidates to replace Jeff Bzdelik, who was fired Dec. 28. Karl, who last coached in the NBA in 2002-03 at Milwaukee, has said Denver is one of three places he'd like to coach.

Vandeweghe also has talked with at least two other candidates, and said interim coach Michael Cooper still has a chance to get the job.



# **Roddick-Hewitt** showdown on tap

#### Men's top four seeds reach semifinals

BY PAUL ALEXANDER The Associated Press

MELBOURNE. Australia Andy Roddick had a much easier run to the Australian Open semifinals than he did two years ago, one that Lleyton Hewitt can only envy.

Averaging just 11/2 hours per match, Roddick advanced Wednesday when Russia's Nikolay Davydenko experienced

breathing problems for the second straight match and retired after trailing 6-3, 7-5, 4-1.

Roddick next faces Hewitt, a 6-3, 6-2, 1-6, 3-6. 10-8 winner over David Nalbandian in a 4-hour, 5-minute match with fireworks on and off the court The other semifinal

has defending champion Roger Federer against Marat Safin in a rematch of last year's final. With No. 1 Federer, No. 2 Roddick, No. 3 Hewitt and No. 4 Safin still around, it's the first time since Wimbledon in 1995 that the four top-seeded men reached the semifinals in a Grand Slam

Hewitt gave the home crowd plenty to cheer about in his gritty victory, with Australia Day fire works going off near the arena in the third set

"I just kept hanging in there," Hewitt said. "I had opportunities to break. I said 'Give it every-thing you've got.' In the end, it paid off once again."

Asked how he felt afterward, Hewitt joked: "I might go for a 10K run tomorrow.

The aggressive, intense Hewitt angered an opponent for the third time in four matches, brushing shoulders with Nalbandian as they passed during the crossover after Hewitt broke for a 3-2 lead in the second set. Nalbandian stared at Hewitt, who ran off the next three games.

Juan Ignacio Chela was fined for spitting in Hewitt's direction after the Australian cursed at him

during third-round match.

A round earlier, James Blake, clearly upset at Hewitt's antics to fire up himself and the crowd, mocked Hewitt's trademark shout of "Come on!" while pointing his fingers at his forehead. Nalbandian came

back to win the third set, vielding only four points in Hewitt's three service games, then leveled the match with two breaks in the fourth set.

It turned into a contentious battle of survival as both men, disputing a number of line calls, received treatment before the fifth set. Hewitt, already nursing a sore right thigh, had a massage on the left one this time. Facing his 22nd set in five matches. spread over 17 hours, Nalbandian had a blister on his left foot

Nalbandian had Hewitt con stantly on the run with side-to-side groundstrokes and drop volleys that had him dashing to the net. But Hewitt again showed he deserves his reputa-tion as an "Aussie battler," feed-



Third-seeded Llevton Hewitt, above, needed 4 hours and 5 minutes to defeat David Nalbandian 6-3, 6-2, 1-6, 3-6, 10-8 on Wednesday.

ing off the cheering, clapping, flag-waying fans.

Nalbandian, with his own fist umps and shouts of "Vamos!" Let's Go! - saved three break points while serving at 1-1 and another at 5-5. Hewitt finally broke through with a backhand half-volley down the line to pull ahead 9-8, then held for the match at love on a forehand winner. The final set took 1:41.

22-year-old Roddick reached the Australian Open semifinals in 2003 losing to Rainer Schuettler after he'd clinched a draining quarterfinal win over Morocco's Younes El Aynaoui with the longest fifth set in Grand Slam history at 21-19.

"It's been pretty smooth sailing so far," said Roddick, who has only dropped one set in five

matches "That could end un being a good thing. I don't have many miles on me so far. Davydenko complained

breathing problems just before finishing off a straight-sets quarterfinal victory. He called for the trainer in the second set after Roddick broke him for a 3-2 lead.

"We played a couple really long points and then he made a couple easy errors afterwards, after those long points," Roddick said, "When he called the trainer, I figured he had to be struggling a little bit, especially when I saw him with the inhaler. It looked pretty serious Davydenko recovered briefly,

breaking back in the next game as Roddick committed his only two double-faults. But Davydenko was soon laboring again and finally retired after getting broken for the second time in the third set to trail 4-1. He received medical treatment for more than an hour after the match.
"It was very hot," Davydenko

said. "I couldn't breathe. I cannot run, I cannot control the ball. I don't know what it is. On the women's side, top-seed-

ed Lindsay Davenport, healthy after a bout of bronchitis just before the Australian Open, outlasted Olympic bronze medalist Alicia Molik, seeded 10th, 6-4, 4-6, 9-7

She will face France's Nathalie Dechy, who reached a Grand Slam semifinal for the first time after failing to get past the fourth round in 36 previous majors.



Andy Roddick has lost only one set in five matches in Melbourne.

#### Australian Open

Melbourne, Austra e: \$14.5 million (Gran Surface: Hard-Outd

Match statistics

Lleyton Hewitt (3) def. David Nall an (9), 6-3, 6-2, 1-6, 3-6, 10-8 1st Serve Pct. Aces Double Faults 

Lindsay Davenport (1) def. Alicia Molii (10), 6-4, 4-6, 9-7

Unforced Errors
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Winners (inc. service)
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Net Points
Total Points Won
Time of Match

114 2:33 Nathalie Dechy (19) def. Patty Schny der (12), 5-7, 6-1, 7-5

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Maria Sharapova (4), Russia, vs. Serena Williams (7), United States Lindsay Davenport (1), United States, vs. Nathalie Dechy (19), France Roger Federer (1), Switzerland, vs. Marat Safin (4), Russia

Dechy, seeded 19th, ousted No. 12 Patty Schnyder 5-7, 6-1, 7-5.

While the two women's quarterfinals lasted exactly the same time - 2:33 - Davenport headed back out to advance to the doubles finals with Corina Morariu in a three-set victory that took another 1:44. She said she never considered defaulting to improve her singles prospects.

"It's my partner's birthday," Davenport said between matches. "And I feel fine."

She has only about 20 hours to recover, taking the court after fourth-seeded Maria Sharapova and No. 7 Serena Williams meet in a rematch of last year's Wimbledon final, in which the 17-year-old Sharapova won her first Grand Slam title.

"It's tough to come back again tomorrow," Davenport said.

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Kansas' Wayne Simien (23) celebrates with Sasha Kaun (24) and Michael Lee during the final minute of the Jayhawks' 86-66 win over Baylor.

# Refocused Kansas sprints past Baylor

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WACO, Texas — While no longer undefeated, No. 6 Kansas stayed perfect in the Big 12 with a record-breaking game.

The Jayhawks put a surprising loss to Villanova behind them in a

Wayne Simien scored seven of his 18 points in a game-opening 15-2 run, and Kansas set a school record with 16 three-pointers in an 86-66 win over Baylor on Tues-

day night.
"I visibly noticed a change in attitude," Kansas coach Bill Selfsaid. "It was a refocused group. The whipping to Villanova made this game a very big game, and I

The winpping to Villanova made this game a very big game, and I thought we came out and played accordingly."

The 83-62 loss at Villanova on Saturday knocked Kansas (15-1, 5-0) from the ranks of the unde-

Saturday knocked Kaissas (13-1, 5-0) from the ranks of the undefeated. The misery of their trip got extended when they got stuck in Philadelphia an extra day because of the weekend blizzard that hit the Northeast. Baylor (9-7, 1-4) never got clos-

Baylor (9-7, 1-4) never got closer than seven points after the opening spurt. And the Jayhawks kept taking advantage of a zone defense, first going inside to Simien and then outside for the long-range shots.

"The middle of the zone was very vulnerable," Simien said. "Once we got the entry pass into there... there were easy shots for the post guys and then the deep threes for our other guys."

Simien didn't attempt a three-pointer, but the four other Kansas players who scored in double figures made at least three threes each. Jeff Hawkins, trying to work

Jeff Hawkins, trying to work his way back into the playing rotation, was 5-for-5 on threes for 15 points in just 13 minutes.

Hawkins was suspended from the team for unspecified rules violations during the offseason, then relegated to the end of the bench. The junior, who played in 31 games last season, had been on the court just 13 minutes all sea-

son before playing 17 against Villanova.

"He's gone from not even being on the team, to serious minutes and making shots. That helps everybody," said Keith Langford, who scored 17 points.



"He's been in the doghouse a couple of months, but kept a good attitude," said Self, adding that Hawkins has earned the chance

Hawkins has earned the chance to play more. J.R. Giddens added 14 points for Kansas, and Aaron Miles had

11.
Giddens hit a three-pointer with 5:28 left that made it 79-55. It was the 15th three for the Jayhawks, tying the school record set against North Carolina State in

December 1994.

Langford hit the record 16th three with 1:45 left. The Jay-hawks were 16-for-27 from beyond the arc.

"We probably put too much focus on guarding the high post and they exposed that weakness," said Baylor freshman guard Aaron Bruce, who had 23 points.

No. 7 Kentucky 84, Tennessee 62: Patrick Sparks scored 19 points for the visiting Wildcats (15-2, 6-0 Southeastern Conference), who lost senior forward Chuck Hayes, their second-leading scorer and top rebounder, to

Chris Lofton had 17 points for the Volunteers (10-9, 3-3).

No. 16 Texas 80, Texas Tech 73: Freshman Daniel Gibson was 6-for-6 from three-point range and scored 20 points for the Longhorns (15-4, 4-2 Big 12). They went 14-for-21 from three-point range and made at least 10 threes for the eighth time this season.

Ronald Ross scored 29 points for visiting Texas Tech (11-5, 3-2), which came in as the Big 12's top-scoring team but shot just 37 percent.

No. 19 Connecticut 68, West Virginia 58: Rashad Anderson, not starting for the first time this season, scored 16 of his 22 points in the second half to lead the Huskies (12-4, 4-2 Big East), who had a 47-27 rebound advantage.

Connecticut played in Morgantown for the first time since 1999. Tyrone Sally scored 16 points for the Mountaineers (11-6, 1-5), who lost their fifth straight.

# Dissenter explains Duke vote

BY DAVID HAUGH Chicago Tribune

MADISON, Wis. — Sportswriter Austin Bishop got home Monday night from his job at the Neshoba Democrat newspaper in Philadelphia, Miss., and called his teenage son into the living

Grinning, he showed the boy the latest Associated Press college basketball poll in which 71 of 72 national media voters ranked Illinois the best team in America.

72 national media voters ranked Illinois the best team in America. A lone dissenter put Duke atop his ballot, preventing the Illini from becoming the first unani-

mous No. 1 team since the Blue Devils in 2001-2002. "I told my son, 'Bradley, I think Daddy's going to be in the news this week,'" Bishop said on the phone Tuesday.

Daddy voted for Duke.
"Bradley said to me, 'Daddy,
you were the only one? Why?'"

Bishop recalled.

That might be a question bandied about on the Illinois bandwagon, getting more crowded after the Illini broke Wisconsin's 38-game home winning streak

Tuesday night with a 75-65 comeback victory over the Badgers at the Kohl Center. Bishop watched from home. Tabbed to vote in the poll for the first time after 27 years in the

first time after 27 years in the business, he had ranked the Illini No. 1 since their victory over Wake Forest on Dec. 1. But after seeing Illinois struggle last Thursday to a 73-68 overtime victory over Iowa and Duke rout Florida State 88-56, he followed his conscience right down Tobacco Road.

"I weighed the conferences, and I just think what Duke is doing is in the ACC is slightly more impressive than what Illinois is doing against Big Fen competition," said Bishop, who covers Mississippi State and the Southeastern Conference for the Democrat, a 17,000-circulation newspa-

per in east-central Mississippi.
The state's only AP voter, Bishop has seen Illinois play five
times on television. He follows
the same routine and rationale before voting every Sunday. He
prints out the week's results from
Top 25 teams, goes to church,
comes home and waits until the
last game finishes before filling

out his poll.
"I think it's a voter's job to re-evaluate his vote every week," said Bishop, 46. "I don't like the way a lot of guys vote, like they're invincible and their 1-2-3 teams can't change week to week. It should be like March Madness

every week. Things can change," They likely will after Illinois' 20th victory in a setting that, since December 2002, had been even more inhospitable to visitors than Duke's Cameron Indoor Statun Bishop conceded a victory over Wisconsin and subsequent victory over Minnesota on Saturday would vault Illinois back ahead of Duke on his next ballot.

"Frankly, that's what I'd probably do, especially if Duke strug-

gles," Bishop said. "It's a different week."

ent week."

He takes an open mind to the polls. Four weeks ago, for example. Bishon did not even include.

unbeaten Boston College in the Top 25. This week, he nudged the 16-0

Eagles up to third.
"I was not trying to be controversial," Bishop said. "If my vote was off the wall and I had ranked Mississippi State or someone like that No. 1, I could see how people

would be upset."

As of Tuesday night, Bishop had yet to be buried in an avalanche of insults from Illini Nation, but kidded he would prefer keeping his e-mail address and office phone number out of the Chicago papers. He expected to hear more from Mississippi State fans angry with him for dropping their favorite team to No. 24.

"There's nothing I don't like about Illinois," he said. "I'm very intrigued by their team and they're just as deserving as Duke. ... But you can't vote for No. 1 and No. 1-A."

Only one other time since he started in the business could Bix-op recall having to defend his logic publicly. That came at the beginning of his career when Bishop listed former Bears and Georgia kicker Kevin Butler third on his Heisman Trophy bal-

"That was maybe a little out there," he said, chuckling. "But I don't want people up there to think I did not put a lot of thought into this. I really did."

# Home: Badgers fade down the stretch

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"We picked it up defensively," Weber said. "I'm not sure if they got a little stagnant or tight as it got down the stretch or if we just defended well."

Deron Williams added 13 points and Roger Powell Jr. had 11 for Illinois, which led 35-33 at halftime despite going scoreless over the final 4:26 before the break.

"We've had a lot of good wins, Wake Forest, Gonzaga," Williams said. "But with this streak that they had here and the history of the building, this is tops right now."

Sharif Chambliss added 14 points for Wisconsin and Mike Wilkinson scored 13.

The Badgers were just 5-for-12 from the free throw line, and Illinois was 17-for-20.

Wisconsin's average margin of victory during its winning streak was 204 points and it appeared for a moment that this one might be another Badgers' blowout when Tucker's three-pointer gave Wisconsin a 56-48 lead with 12-40 remaining.

After an Illinois timeout, the Badgers had a chance to go up by double digits — the most the Illini had trailed this season was by nine at Purdue on Jan. 8 — but Andreas Helmigk traveled, and the Badgers unraveled.

Rich McBride's three-pointer was followed by two free throws from Williams and two more from Head. After Taylor's basket gave the Badgers a 58-55 lead, Ingram hit consecutive threes to cap Illinois' 13-2' run and give the Illini a 61-58 lead.

"This is a great moment," Weber said. "They're enjoying it in the locker room. This is the most excited they have been all year, even more than they were at [then-No. 1] Wake Forest. They are truly proud of themselves. They really wanted to come in here and break the streak."

Wilkinson, who played in all 38 straight homecourt victories, said the Badgers won't sulk about the end of the streak.

"It's over," he said. "We've got to move on."



Illinois' James Augustine dunks in front of Wisconsin's Mike Wilkinson in the second half Tuesday night in Madison, Wis, Illinois won 75-65.

## Baltimore **RB** Lewis sentenced to 4 months

BY HARRY R. WEBER The Associated Press

ATLANTA Baltimore Ravens running back Jamal Lewis was sentenced to four months in prison Wednesday for using a cell phone to try to set up

a drug deal about 4½ years ago.

The sentence issued in federal court was what Lewis expected under an agreement reached

with prosecutors in October Lewis, who tried to set up the deal a few months after he was the No. 5 overall pick in the 2000 NFL Draft, also will spend two months in a halfway house and perform 500 hours of community service following his prison term.

Prosecutors agreed to drop more serious drug conspiracy and attempted cocaine possession charges.

"I'm truly sorry for what I did," Lewis said to U.S. District Judge Orinda Evans.

Explaining the short sentence, the judge said the government didn't have a strong case and noted the only witness against Lewis was an informant with a lengthy criminal record.

Evans said she was also giving Lewis "credit for stepping up to the bar" and admitting his guilt.

The football player has until Feb. 4 to surrender to allow him time to have a cast removed from his right ankle, the judge said.

Lewis recently had surgery on the foot. Evans said she will recommend that Lewis serve his incarceration at a federal prison camp at Maxwell Air Force Base in Montgomery, Ala. The community confinement will be served at a halfway house in Atlanta.

Defense lawyer Ed Garland said the sentence was fair and allows for Lewis to return to the Ravens next season.

"Jamal Lewis has his life and his career back," Garland told reporters outside court

Lewis was suspended for two games by the NFL after his guilty plea; the Ravens finished the sea son 9-7 and missed the playoffs.

Lewis, a former star at Tennes see, could have faced at least 10 years in prison if convicted of the conspiracy charge, but likely would have received a shorter sentence under federal guidelines. In 1997, he pleaded guilty to a shoplifting charge in suburban Atlanta, but officials agreed to wipe his record clean if he complied with his probation.

In the drug case Lewis was accused of helping broker a cocaine deal for childhood friend Angelo during conversations Jackson with a government informant in Atlanta

On June 23, 2000 — Lewis had been drafted by the Ravens on April 15 — the FBI said an informant contacted Lewis on his cell phone to discuss selling cocaine to Lewis and Jackson. The FBI said Lewis and Jackson later met the informant at an Atlanta restaurant. Both conversations were

# **Eagles trainer: Owens might play**

Doctor won't clear Philly receiver, who will continue rehab anyway

BY ROB MAADDI The Associated Press

PHILADELPHIA — Terrell Owens is treating his doctor's orders the way he deals with pesky cornerbacks: shrugging them off

and forging ahead. Philadelphia Eagles head trainer Rick Burkholder said Wednesday that Owens started jogging and plans to continue rehabbing his injured ankle in an attempt to

play in the Super Bowl Dr. Mark Myerson, the surgeon who operated on the All-Pro receiver in December, said Tuesday he would not clear Owens to suit up against the New England

Patriots on Feb 6 'We understand Dr. Mverson's point of view. It's just that our risk-reward is different than his risk-reward." Burkholder said.

"He has great risk in clearing Terrell to play and no reward. We think there's some risk and we think there's great reward, so right now we're going to progress with his rehab.

The final decision on Owens' status will come down to the play er, coach Andy Reid and the team's medical staff.

"We're never going to put Ter-rell at risk," Reid said. Owens was at the Eagles' practice facility for rehab work Wednesday, but the team said he wouldn't be made available to re

porters until next week's manda-tory media day at the Super Bowl. On Monday, before hearing My erson's bad news, Owens said: "Spiritually I've been healed and I believe that I'll be out there on that field Sunday, regardless of what anybody says."



Eagles wide receiver Terrell Owens urges fans to cheer at the 76ers game on Monday. Owens wasn't as happy on Tuesday when his doctor said he shouldn't play in the Super Bowl on Feb. 6.

Mverson inserted two screws in Owens' right ankle and a plate on the outside of the ankle three days after he was injured against Dallas on Dec. 19. By not clearing Owens to play, Myerson should be absolved of any blame if Owens goes against his wishes and winds up re-injuring the ankle Owens was told after surgery

that he had only an outside chance of returning for the Super Bowl, which was 61/2 weeks away

at the time. But he rehabbed vigorously, hoping to help Philadel phia win its first NFL champion

After a checkup Tuesday in Baltimore. Myerson said that while he's pleased with Owens' recuperation, the operation requires a re covery period of eight to 10 weeks. Myerson added that any attempt to accelerate the rehabilitation process poses the same risk for injury.

Burkholder said Owens worked out on a treadmill when he returned to Philadelphia on

Tuesday.
"We will continue to see whether he can jog and see how he does day in and day out, see if he can change direction," Burkholder said. "If he passes all those tests, then we'll start talking about prac tice time. Right now, the game isn't even in our vision right now. If he has any setbacks in his rehab, then the whole idea of playing in the Super Bowl is probably

In his first season with the Eagles after eight years in San Fran-cisco, Owens led Philadelphia with 77 catches for 1,200 vards and 14 TDs Quarterback Donovan McNabb

and other Eagles have said they don't need Owens to beat the defending champion Patriots, who

are 7-point favorites.
"If T.O. plays, it's an added bonus," McNabb said. "If he doesn't, it's not going to stop any-thing we're doing. You have to have it in the back of your mind about your future, so that's a tough call. That's something as a player you have to think about

# Steelers coach says QB didn't play with broken toes

PITTSBURGH - Rookie quarterback Ben Roethlisberger was exaggerating when he said he broke two toes on his right foot during the AFC championship game, Pittsburgh Steelers coach Bill Cowher said Wednesday

Roethlisberger told reporters Tuesday he wore down physically during the season and broke two toes while scrambling late in the first half of the 41-27 loss to the New England Patriots.

Cowher seemed irritated Roeth lisberger would go public with such a claim, that, in effect, suggested the Steelers gambled with the NFL Offensive Rookie of the Year's health by playing him when he was hurt.

"We are unaware of any problems with his toes, OK?" Cowher said

Roethlisberger didn't specify which toes were broken and wasn't walking with an apparent limp Monday or Tuesday. "Ben does not have broken

toes," Cowher said, talking publicly for the first time since Sunday night when the Steelers lost an AFC title game for the fourth time in 11 seasons. "At the end of the first half, while scrambling, he aggravated some toes he has broken in the past, in high school and college. He mentioned some-

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thing to Ryan Grove, our assistant trainer and said he have may

broke his toe When he came off, he said he was fine, and he went back out in the second half and didn't say anything to anybody else for the rest

of the game." Cowher said the injury was never mentioned during his meeting with Roethlisberger on Monday and nothing showed up during the rookie's physical exam-

Tuesday "I talked to Ben last night, and got it straight from his mouth, and that's that." Cowher said.

#### SI: Brady was bed-ridden night before game

FOXBORO, Mass. - New England quarterback Tom Brady had a 103 degree fever the night before the Patriots beat the Pittsburgh Steelers in the AFC championship game, Sports Illustrated reported

The magazine said in this week's issue that Brady had an intravenous line in his left non-throwing — arm on Saturday night while fighting off chills in his Pittsburgh hotel room.

Patriots spokesman Stacey James did not immediately re

turn a phone call seeking com-

#### Steelers' A. Smith, M. Smith among Pro Bowl replacements

PITTSBURGH - Pittsburgh Steelers defensive end Aaron Smith and offensive tackle Marvel Smith were added to the AFC Pro Bowl team Wednesday to replace injured players. Aaron Smith replaces Jets de-

fensive end John Abraham (knee), and Marvel Smith replaces Chiefs offensive tackle Willie Roaf (ankle)

Miami Dolphins cornerback Patrick Surtain also was added to the AFC Pro Bowl squad, replacing injured Baltimore Ravens cornerback Chris McAlister

This is the third Pro Bowl selection for Surtain, who was also selected following the 2002 and 2003 seasons. McAlister will miss

the game with a foot injury. This season, Surtain was tied for the team lead with four interceptions, and helped lead the

AFC's No. 1 pass defense. He was sixth on the team with 71 tackles. The NFC added Atlanta Falcons return specialist Allen Ros sum as an injury replacement for Detroit's Eddie Drummond.

Drummond will miss the game with a shoulder injury. Rossum finished second in the

NFL with an average of 12.4 yards a punt return, and set team records with 1,250 yards in kickoff returns and 457 yards in punt returns.

#### Former presidents Clinton **Bush to attend Super Bowl**

JACKSONVILLE, Fla. — Former presidents Bill Clinton and George Bush will attend Super Bowl XXXIX and make another nlea for tsunami victims the NFL announced Wednesday.

The two former presidents will ppear live on the Fox pregame show "to continue to raise awareness for tsunami relief and to thank the NFL and fans for their ongoing support," said league spokesman Brian McCarthy.

Both have appeared in television and radio commercials asking for donations to help victims of the Dec. 26 Southeast Asian tsu-

#### Jags hire USC assistant JACKSONVILLE, Fla. - The

Jacksonville Jaguars hired Southern California quarterbacks coach Carl Smith as offensive coordinator Tuesday

The 56-year-old Smith replaces Bill Musgrave, who was fired after the Jags finished last in the AFC and 29th in the league in scoring last season.

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# Illini perfect home wreckers

# Top-ranked team wins 20th game in row, ends Wisconsin's home string

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MADISON, Wis. — One dazzling streak ended and another endured

Top-ranked Illinois beat No. 18 Wisconsin 75-65 on Tuesday night, extending the nation's longest winning streak to 20 games and ending the nation's longest homecourt winning streak at 38.

Led by Luther Head's 18 points and reserve Jack Ingram's clutch play down the stretch, Illinois became the first team to beat the Badgers at the Kohl Center since Wake Forest on Dec. 4, 2002.

They did it by scoring 14 of the game's final 15 points after over-coming an eight-point deficit midway through the second half.

Illinois coach Bruce Weber, who had peddled his team as the underdog despite eight straight weeks atop the poll, said the biggest thing about the Illini's first win in Madison since 1998 was what it meant in the Big Ten race, where the Illini are 6-0.

"I told the kids if we win this one, we're going to be one up or everyone because I don't know if anyone's capable of coming in here and winning besides us after the Michigan State loss, so it gives us one up for the Big Ten championship," Weber said.

And that's what bothered the Badgers, who fell to 53-3 at home under Bo Ryan, who lost a Big Ten home game for the first time in his four seasons as coach. "The guys weren't worried about losing any streak. It was a Big Ten conference game. That's all we were playing for," said Ryan, whose teams are 26-1 at home in the league since he took over in 2001.

The Badgers (13-4, 4-2) led 56-48 with  $10\frac{1}{2}$  minutes left and were still up by three with  $4\frac{1}{2}$  minutes remaining and the arena at its earsplitting best.

Sore-footed Alando Tucker, who led Wisconsin with 16 points, drove to the basket to give the Badgers a 64-61 with 4:31 left, but dreams of Wisconsin's first win over a top-ranked opponent since beating Ohio State in 1962 soon faded

James Augustine, who was limited by foul trouble to 4 minutes in the first half, made two free throws with 4:11 left and Jack Ingram did the same at 3:39, putting the Illini ahead for good, 65-64.

Augustine, who scored 12 of his 14 points in the second half, added consecutive dunks to make it 69-64, the first one coming off a steal by Ingram.

The Badgers' most recent home win came when they scored the final 11 points of the game to beat Michigan State 62-59 but there was no such miracle in store for them this time.

The only break in Illinois' run came when Kammron Taylor made one free throw with 1:07 left to make it 71-65

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Illinois' Jack Ingram (50) knocks the ball away from Wisconsin's Mike Wilkinson in the second half Tuesday night in Madison. Wis. Illinois won 75-65, ending Wisconsin's homecourt winning streak at 38 games.

Hewitt pushes his way past Nalbandian in four-hour, five-set victory in Australia; Well-rested Roddick is his semifinal foe





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